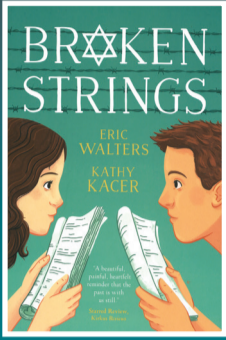




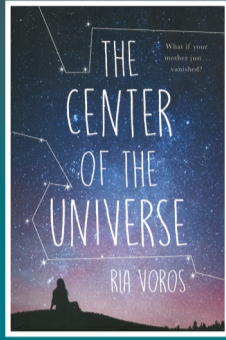
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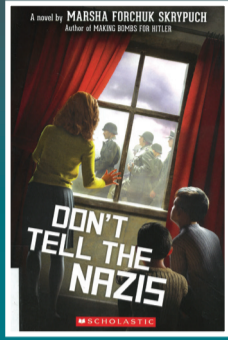
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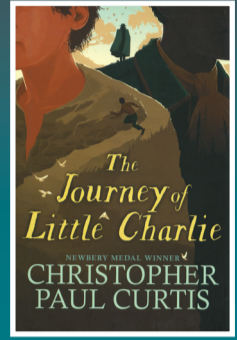
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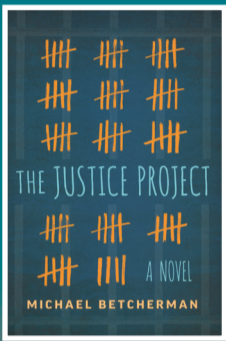
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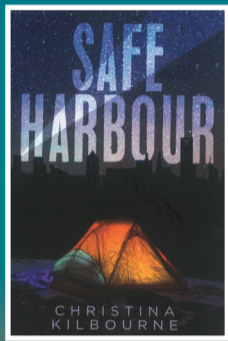
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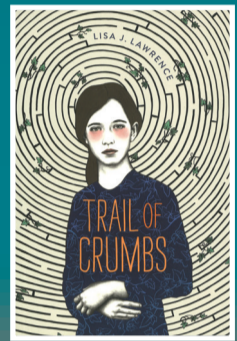
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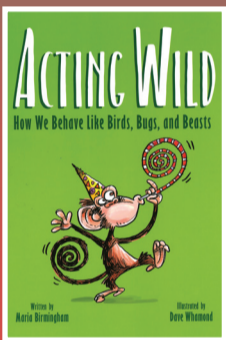


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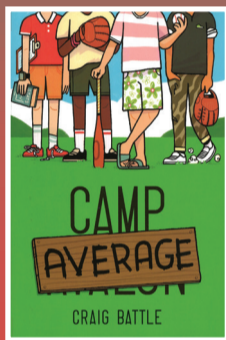


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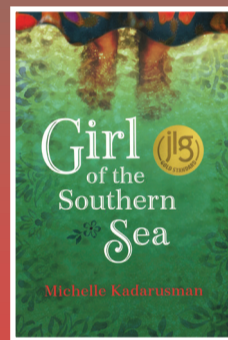
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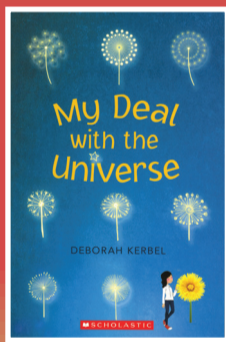
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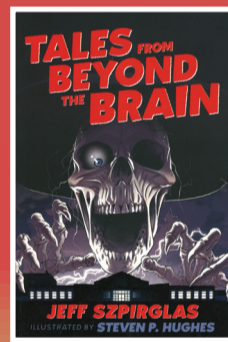
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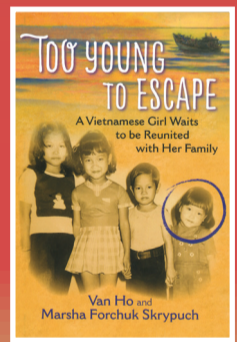
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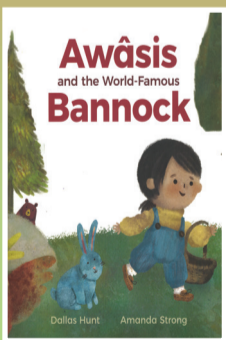


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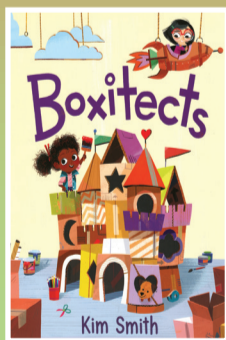


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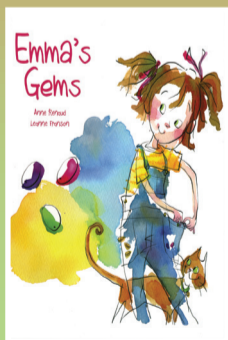
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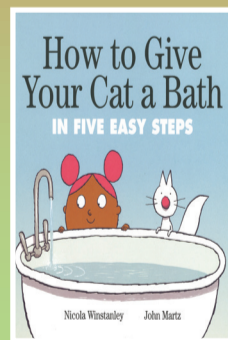
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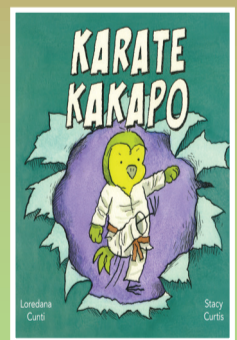
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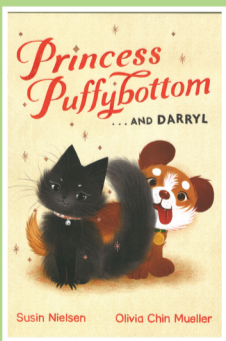
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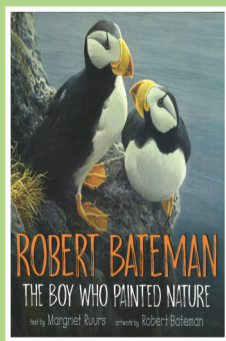
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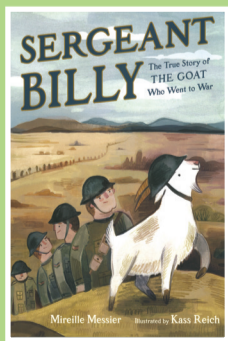
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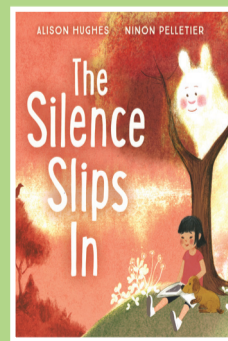
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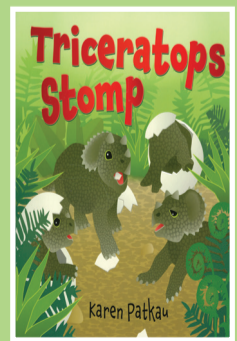
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by Eric Walters and Kathy Kacer
Penguin Random House, ©2019
ISBN 9780735266261

Shirli Berman is preparing for her school's musical production of "Fiddler on the Roof". While rummaging in her grandfather's attic for props, she finds a violin. Although she is frightened by her grandfather Zayde's obvious pain and anger at this discovery, Shirli is determined to uncover the reason. What happened to her grandfather during WWII?

The Justice Project

by Michael Betcherman
Orca Book Publishers, ©2019
ISBN 9781459822504

A snowboarding accident ends Matt Barnes' sports career, forcing him to change his summer plans. He is given an internship with The Justice Project, an organization that defends those wrongfully convicted. Working alongside his high-school nemesis, they investigate Ray Richardson, a man wrongfully convicted of murdering his parents twenty-one years ago.

The Center of the Universe

by Ria Voros
Kids Can Press, ©2019
ISBN 9781525300387

Grace Carter's mother is a famous broadcaster whose mysterious disappearance turns her family's world upside down. Was she abducted? Did she leave on her own? As everyone searches for her, Grace realizes she really doesn't know her mother and long lost secrets come to light.

Sadia

by Colleen Nelson
Dundurn Press, ©2018
ISBN 9781459740297

Sadia's passion for basketball is challenged when she is banned from play due to a league rule against head coverings. When her decision to stay true to her identity and wear her hijab conflicts with her best friend's choices, Sadia must confront issues of true friendship and helping others in the face of intolerance and ignorance.

Don't Tell the Nazis

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
Scholastic Canada, ©2018
ISBN 9781338310535

Krystia's community is hopeful when Nazis invade Ukraine during WWII, pushing the Soviet oppressors out. However, the atrocities the Nazis begin to impose bring a new kind of fear to their lives. How can Krystia's family continue helping their Jewish neighbours without endangering their own safety? The risks are immense. Based on a true story.

Safe Harbour

by Christina Kilbourne
Dundurn Press, ©2019
ISBN 9781459745186

While waiting for her father's return, Harbour is living in a tent with her dog. With no money and winter on the way, Harbour is befriended by Lise, a homeless girl who shows her how to panhandle and navigate the shelter system. However, Harbour can't let Lise get too close for fear that her family's secrets will be revealed.

Funny You Don't Look Autistic

by Michael McCreary
Annick Press, ©2019
ISBN 9781773212579

Michael McCreary was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at age five. As a teenager he began performing stand up comedy routines. Today, his work helps to break down stereotypes and shows people what it is like to live with autism. Michael's stories are hilarious and empowering.

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Highwater Press, ©2019
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Beginning with Annie of Red River in 1868 and ending 330 years in the future, this anthology of ten graphic stories is a testament to Indigenous heroes. Through stories of resistance and pain, leadership and triumph, important events that have long been overlooked in Canada's history are brought to light and projected into the future.

The Journey of Little Charlie

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After the death of his father, Charlie must repay a debt by accompanying a loathsome man to recapture runaway slaves from the north. Charlie's journey takes him across the country and brings new realizations about humanity and his own beliefs about right and wrong.

Trail of Crumbs

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In this raw tale of abandonment, seventeen-year-old twins Greta and Ash find themselves without family, money and a home when their father and step-mother disappear one night. Greta is doubly traumatized by abuse at a party. The siblings realize they must find help and kindness in unexpected places if they are to survive the winter ahead.

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Acting Wild: How We Behave Like Birds, Bugs, and Beasts

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ISBN 978-1-77147-326-2

From sledding crows to flossing macaques, join the fascinating fact-packed journey that proves just how much alike humans and animals really are.

Camp Average

by Craig Battle
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ISBN 978-1-77147-305-7

At Camp Avalon aka Camp Average, Mack and his friends enjoy a laid back summer of sports where winning is not an issue and everyone is satisfied with the status quo. When the summer camp is taken over by a competitive, hyper-scheduled, sports-obsessed director, Mack comes up with the perfect plan for sabotage to take back their summer.

The Collected Works of Gretchen Oyster

by Cary Fagan
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Hartley's older brother has run away, turning his family's life upside down and his best friend won't speak to him. It is a struggle to complete his grade eight year. Then he finds a string of intriguing art cards signed "g.o.". Can he discover the identity of the mystery artist?

Girl of the Southern Sea

by Michelle Kadarusman
Pajama Press, ©2019
ISBN 978-1-77278-081-9

Nia dreams of continuing her schooling to become a writer but with no money, the responsibilities of looking after her brother, selling banana fritters from her father's food cart, and an arranged marriage on the horizon, her future doesn't look promising. When good fortune shines on her, Nia dares to hope she can rewrite her story.

Harvey Comes Home

by Colleen Nelson
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When Harvey, a West Highland Terrier, gets loose, he is taken in by Austen, a lonely boy who volunteers at a retirement home. Harvey is soon helping Austen bond with a grouchy resident. What happens if Harvey's owner comes looking for him? Will Austen be able to give him up?

Missing Mike

by Shari Green
Pajama Press, ©2018
ISBN 978-1-17278-085-7 (pbk)

When wildfires devastate her community, Cara and her family must evacuate immediately. Unfortunately, her dog Mike is nowhere to be found and must be left behind. Boarding in a temporary home far away, Cara reflects on what "home" really means. One thing she is certain of is that home includes Mike and she must find him.

My Deal With the Universe

by Deborah Kerbel
Scholastic Canada Inc., ©2018
ISBN 978-1-4431-5756-8 (pbk)

Daisy longs for a "normal" life but that isn't likely to happen when you live in a house called "the jungle". When her best friend leaves for summer camp, her neighbours start a petition against her overgrown home and her twin brother's cancer may have returned, Daisy finds help in an unlikely place and wonders if "normal" really exists.

A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying

by Kelley Armstrong
Puffin Canada, ©2019
ISBN 978-0-7352-6535-6, ISBN 9780735265370 (pbk)

As the oldest twin, Rowan is poised to be Queen and her brother Rhydd to be the Royal Monster Slayer. Both siblings long to thwart tradition and switch roles, where their true passions lie. When tragedy strikes, Rowan's wish is granted and she is thrust into an adventure to prove her worth as a monster slayer and save her kingdom.

Tales From Beyond the Brain

by Jeff Szpirglas
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ISBN 978-1-4598-2079-1 (pbk)

Be prepared to be frightened by this collection of 13 spine-chilling tales, full of child-eating witches, evil movie theatres, a brain on the hunt for a new home and other creepy schemes to keep you up at night.

Too Young to Escape: A Vietnamese Girl Waits to be Reunited with Her Family

by Van Ho and Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch
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ISBN 978-1-77278-1168

Van wakes up to discover her family has fled Vietnam leaving her and her grandmother behind. Van is considered too young and her grandmother too old to make the difficult voyage. Struggling with poverty, the oppression of her aunt and uncle and a school bully, Van dreams of being reunited with her family. Based on true events.

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On the way to deliver Kohkum's world-famous bannock, Awāsis loses the fresh-baked treat. Wondering what to do, Awāsis asks the animals for help. Includes many Cree words and a pronunciation guide.

Boxitects

by Kim Smith
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Meg is the best boxitect at Maker School...until Simone arrives. Can they combine their creative forces or will their rivalry take over?

Emma's Gems

by Anne Renaud
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Emma loves how she can hear the jingle-jangle of the coins and stones in Grandpa Phil's pockets. By using his generosity "gems" to carry out three acts of kindness every day, Grandpa Phil demonstrates to his granddaughter the importance of helping people, animals, and the environment.

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Robert Bateman: The Boy Who Painted Nature

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As a child, celebrated Canadian artist Robert Bateman grew up with a passion for nature, art and the environment. Biographical details, sketches and photographs from his childhood accompany his beautiful paintings of wildlife from around the world and bring inspiration to young artists and naturalists alike.

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by Miraille Messier
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This is the true story of Billy, the goat from Saskatchewan, who travelled across the Atlantic Ocean to serve in World War I with soldiers from the Fighting Fifth regiment. He survived gas attacks, warned of incoming shells, guarded prisoners and saved lives, becoming an unforgettable war hero who is memorialized in the Broadview Saskatchewan museum.

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When the day looks, sounds, and feels too noisy and we are overwhelmed by our busy world, the Silence can enter. All you have to do is call. This gentle, comforting story reminds everyone how to find their inner quiet.

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by Karen Patkau
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