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How would you spend five million dollars in 30 days? A billionaire's wallet, a bizarre challenge, and an unlikely friendship send two kids on a wild adventure. From the author of The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, Felix Rannells and Benji Porter were never supposed to be field-trip partners. Felix is a rule follower. Benji is a rule bender. They're not friends. And they don't have anything to talk about. Until. . . They find a wallet. A wallet that belongs to tech billionaire Laura Friendly. They're totally going to return it-but not before Benji "borrows" twenty dollars to buy hot dogs. Because twenty dollars is like a penny to a billionaire, right? But a penny has value. A penny doubled every day for thirty days is \$5,368,709.12! So that's exactly how much money Laura Friendly challenges Felix and Benji to spend. They have thirty days. They can't tell anyone. And there are LOTS of other rules. But if they succeed, they each get ten million dollars to spend however they want. Challenge accepted! They rent cool cars, go to Disney World, buy pizza for the whole school-and that's just the beginning! But money can't buy everything or fix every problem. And spending it isn't always as easy and fun as they thought it would be. . . . As smart as it is entertaining, Millionaires for the Month is a thought-provoking story about friendship, privilege, and the value of a penny.

“A cozy whodunit that cheerfully affirms girls’ and women’s contributions to aerospace.”—Kirkus Reviews “Comparisons with Nancy Drew and Sammy Keyes come to mind, but this satisfying mystery seems more like the works of Ellen Raskin, E.L. Konigsburg, and Jennifer Choldenko.”—School Library Connection “A wonderful tribute to [Amelia Earhart] who herself came to embody mystery.”—Booklist Amelia Earhart’s famous aviator goggles go missing and eleven-year-old Millie has to find them before the night is over in this girl-powered middle grade whodunit. Eleven-year-old Amelia Ashford—Millie to her friends (if she had any, that is)—doesn’t realize just how much adventure awaits her when she’s given the opportunity of a lifetime: to spend the night in Amelia Earhart’s childhood home with five other girls. Make that five strangers. But Millie’s mom is a pilot like the famous Amelia, and Millie would love to have something to write to her about...! Only she had her address. Once at Amelia’s house in Atchison, Kansas, Millie stumbles upon a display of Amelia’s famous flight goggles. She can’t believe her good luck, since they’re about to be relocated to a fancy museum in Washington, DC. But her luck changes quickly when the goggles disappear, and Millie was the last to see them. Soon, fingers are pointing in all directions, and someone falls strangely ill. Suddenly, a fun night of scavenger hunts and sweets takes a nosedive and the girls aren’t sure who to trust. With a blizzard raging outside and a house full of suspects, the girls have no choice but to band together.

New York Times bestselling authors Bill Nye the Science Guy and Gregory Mone take middle-grade readers on a scientific adventure in the launch of an exciting new chapter book series, Jack and the Geniuses. The perfect combination to engage and entertain readers, the series features real-world science along with action and a mystery that will leave kids guessing until the end, making these books ideal for STEM education. In the series opener, Jack and the Geniuses: At The Bottom of The World, readers meet Jack and his foster siblings, Ava and Matt, who are orphans. But they’re not your typical kind of orphans—they’re geniuses. Well, Ava and Matt are, which sometimes makes life difficult for twelve-year-old Jack. Ava speaks multiple languages and builds robots for fun, and Matt is into astronomy and a whiz at math. As for Jack, it’s hard to stand out when he’s surrounded by geniuses all the time. When the kids try to spy on Dr. Hank Witherspoon, one of the world’s leading scientists, they end up working for him in his incredible laboratory. Soon, Hank and the kids travel to Antarctica for a prestigious science competition, but they find that all is not as it seems: A fellow scientist has gone missing, and so has any trace of her research. Could someone be trying to use her findings to win the contest? It’s up to Jack, Ava, and Matt to find the missing scientist and discover who’s behind it all—before it’s too late. Integrating real science facts with humor and suspense, and featuring an ensemble cast of lovable boy and girl characters, this uniquely engaging series is an irresistible chemical reaction for middle-grade readers. With easy-to-read language presented in a fun, motivating, and accessible way, this series opener is a great book for both inquisitive kids and reluctant readers. The book also includes information about the science discussed and used to solve the mystery, as well as a cool science project about density that kids can do at home or in the classroom. Bill Nye’s brand new talk show series for Netflix, “Bill Nye Saves the World” is set to launch in Spring 2017.

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*The Bitter Side of Sweet**Penguin*

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Blended

Amie’s Life in Lists

Under a War-Torn Sky

Lions & Liars

How do strangers become friends? Ofelia Castillo is searching for a story. While her friends leave their boring Florida town for summer camps and family vacations, she braces for zero excitement. Lane Disanti would like her whole family to kick rocks. Especially her parents, who sent her to live with her grandmother for the summer while they finalize their divorce. Aster Douglas has one summer to figure out how to be a kid. She’s been homeschooled by her grandfather her whole life, and it’s easier for her to make a soufflé than a friend. CCoat Garcia is hiding a big secret. She’s in need of a new troop after she quits the Floras, her local Scouts, without her mother knowing. When fate and longing bring the girls together, it isn’t love at first sight. But they soon bond over a shared mission to get the Floras to ditch an outdated tradition. In their quest for justice, independence, and an unforgettable summer, the girls form their own troop and find something they didn’t know they needed: sisterhood.

Thirteen-year-old Sunny, accompanied by a stray dog, takes advantage of a windfall to travel from her Nebraska foster home to Enumaclav, Washington, to find the twin sister from whom she was separated at age three.

A shift in perspective can change everything. This brilliant new novel from the author of The Seventh Most Important Thing celebrates kids who see the world a little differently. April is looking for an escape from the sixth-grade lunch hour, which has become a social-scene nightmare, so she signs up to be a “buddy bench monitor” for the fourth graders’ recess. Joey Byrd is a boy on the fringes, who wanders the playground alone, dragging his foot through the dirt. But one time, April realizes that Joey isn’t just making random circles. When you look at his designs from above, a story emerges. . . .Joey’s “bird’s eye” drawings reveal what he observes and thinks about every day. Told in alternating viewpoints—April’s in text and Joey’s mostly in art—the story gives the “whole picture” of what happens as these two outsiders find their rightful places.

The Companions of the Ring have become involved in separate adventures as the quest continues. Aragorn, revealed as the hidden heir of the ancient Kings of the West, joined with the Riders of Rohan against the forces of Isengard, and took part in the desperate victory of the Hornburg. Merry and Pippin, captured by orcs, escaped into Fangorn Forest and there encountered the Ents. Gandalf returned, miraculously, and defeated the evil wizard, Saruman. Meanwhile, Sam and Frodo progressed towards Mordor to destroy the Ring, accompanied by Smagol - Gollum, still obsessed by his ‘precious’. After a battle with the giant spider, Shelob, Sam left his master for dead; but Frodo is still alive - in the hands of the orcs. And all the time the armies of the Dark Lord are massing. JRR Tolkien’s great work of imaginative fiction has been labelled both a heroic romance and a classic fantasy fiction. By turns comic and homely, epic and diabolic, the narrative moves through countless changes of scene and character in an imaginary world which is totally convincing in its detail.

Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since “the bad thing happened,” twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother’s warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion a series of events that lead to an unforeseeable result.

The Battle for Middle-earth

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Myths Lies Secrets Smash the stories behind famous moments in history and expose the hidden truth. Perfect for fans of I Survived and Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales. In 1920, Susan B. Anthony passed a law that gave voting rights to women in the United States. RIGHT? WRONG Susan B. Anthony wasn’t even alive when the Nineteeth Amendment was ratified. Plus, it takes a lot more than one person to amend the constitution. Did you know that when women’s rights activists picketed President Wilson to get his support for voting rights, some men beat up, tore down their banners, and stole from them? And then it was the women who got arrested No joke. Through illustrations, graphic panels, photographs, sidebars, and more, acclaimed author Kate Messner smashes history by exploring the little-known details behind the fight for women’s suffrage. Don’t miss Victory Smashers: The Mayflower

The Lottery

A Face Like Glass

We’re Not from Here

The Lion of Mars

A seemingly ordinary village participates in a yearly lottery to determine a sacrificial victim.

Do you love Anastasia Krupnik, Ramona Quibby, and the Pendewicks? Then you will love Annie For Annie, lists are how she keeps her whole life in order. And there is a lot to keep track of Annie’s a shy fifth grader with an incredible memory and a love of making lists. It helps her keep track of things when they can send a little out of control, like her family, her friends, and her life in a new place. Annie has: 1. An incredible memory (really, it’s almost photographic) that can get her in trouble. 2. A brother who is mad at her because he thinks she is the reason they had to move to Clover Gap, population 8,432. 4. A best friend who she is (almost) certain will always be her best friend. 5. New classmates, some of whom are nicer than others. 6. A rocky start finding her place in her new home. From the author of The 47 People You’ll Meet in Middle School, Annie’s Life in Lists finds that even amid the chaos of everyday life, it’s important to put things in order. “Perfect for anyone who’s ever worried about starting a new school, saying the wrong thing, dying of embarrassment, or losing a best friend. I loved getting to know Annie through her lists.” --Kelly Jones, author of Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

“When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she’s not a boy. She knows she’s a girl. George thinks she’ll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte’s Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can’t even try out for the part . . . because she’s a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all!”—

Pinocchio is a bedtime story for Kizzy Ann, but with her border collie, Stewart at her side, she sets out to live a life as sweet as syrup on cornbread. In 1963, as Kizzy Ann prepares for her first year at an integrated school, she worries about the color of her skin, the scar running from the corner of her right eye to the tip of her smile, and whether anyone at the white school will like her. She writes letters to her new teacher in a clear, insistent voice, stating her troubles and asking questions with startling honesty. The new teacher is supportive, but not everyone feels the same, so there is a lot to write about. Her brother, James, is having a far less positive school experience than she is, and the annoying white neighbor boy won’t leave her alone. But Shag, her border collie, is her refuge. Even so, opportunity clashes with obstacle. Kizzy Ann knows she and Shag could compete well in the dog trials, but will she be able to enter? From Jari Watts comes an inspiring middle-grade novel about opening your mind to the troubles and scars we all must bear – and facing life with hope and trust.

When Newt Newman’s football-star brother, Chris, is knocked into a coma during the biggest game of the season, Newt’s two best friends keep his mind off of the accident by helping him create the ultimate Halloween costume: Captain Nobody. Newt feels strong and confident in his new getup, so he keeps wearing it after Halloween is over. Soon Newt assumes the role of a hero in a string of exploits that include foiling a robbery and saving a planeload of passengers. But will Captain Nobody be able to save the one person he cares about most?

A Ghost Story

Healer of the Water Monster

Being the First Part of The Lord of the Rings

The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place

A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers

Losing his powers in a traumatic accident, 12-year-old Taemon, a boy from a world where most people have telekinetic abilities, is exiled to a colony with fellow disabled people and comes to enjoy the community’s acceptance and manual labors before encountering dangerous secrets.

“When Emma discovers the first spot, ‘like a tiny bright moon’ on her left foot, she’s at the funeral of her grandmother, who had been her best friend as well. The diagnosis is vitiligo, a skin condition triggered by stress. Creating a large multigenerational cast, Standish kn