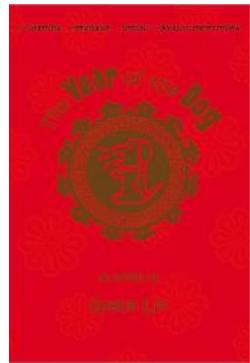
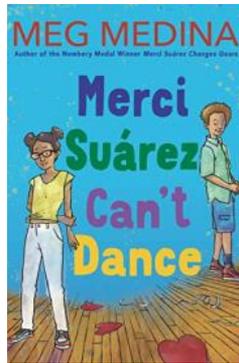
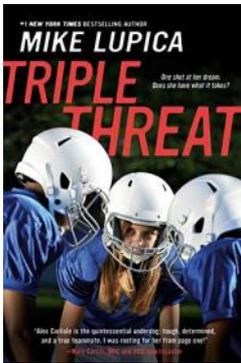
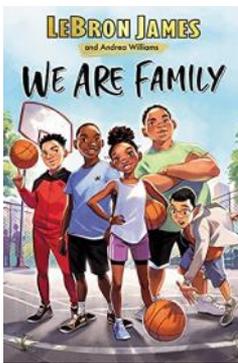
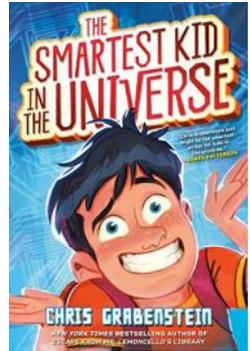
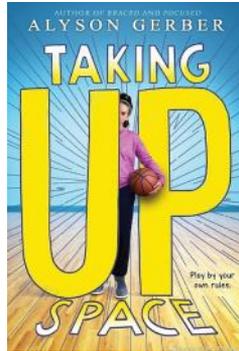
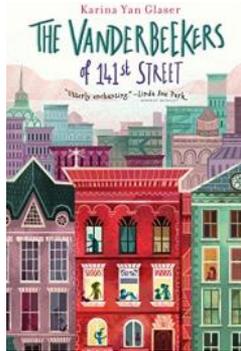
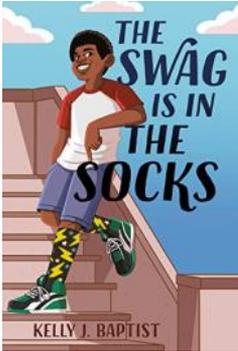


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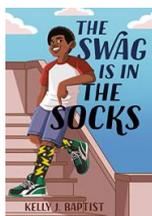


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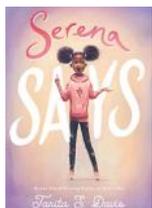
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J Bap - [The Swag is in the Socks](#)

by Kelly J. Baptist

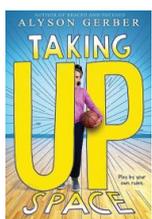
Twelve-year-old Xavier Moon gets the courage to step out of the shadows when his great-uncle gives him some outlandish socks and some even stranger requests.



J Dav - [Serena Says](#)

by Tanita S. Davis

After her best friend, JC, has a kidney transplant, Serena feels that they are falling out of touch, especially as JC makes a new best friend in the hospital.



J Ger- [Taking Up Space](#)

by Alyson Gerber

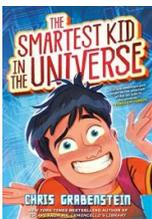
Twelve-year old Sarah is used to being the star on her basketball team, but suddenly she finds that her body is changing. When her crush, Benny, offers to teach her how to cook and suggests they partner in a cooking competition, she starts to find a way to stand up for herself and change her life for the better.



J Gla - [Vanderbeeker Series](#)

by Karina Yan Glaser

Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind. Once you start this series you won't want to put it down....



J Gra - [The Smartest Kid in the Universe/Series Bk. 1](#)

by Chris Grabenstein

When seventh-grader Jake mistakes the world's first ingestible knowledge pills for jelly beans, he suddenly knows all about physics and can speak Swahili (though Spanish would be a lot more useful). But can he use his new found brilliance to save his middle school from the new principal, who is conspiring to get it shut down?



J Gra - [The Great Treehouse War](#)

by Lisa Graff

Fifth-grader Winnie, with notes from her friends, writes of turning her treehouse into an embassy after her newly-divorced parents become unreasonable, where she is joined by nine others with complaints.



J Jam - *We Are Family*

by LeBron James

When Jayden and his teammates find out there's not going to be a Hoop Group this year--and maybe never again--they have to learn to lean on each other if they want to save their basketball season.



J Kor - *Slacker* by Gordon Korman

When eighth-grader Cameron creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents into letting him continue to concentrate on his gaming. Before he knows it, other kids are taking it seriously, and soon the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not.



J Lin - *The Year of the Dog / Series Bk. 1*

by Grace Lin

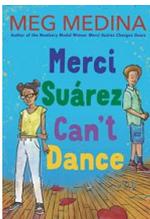
When Pacy's mom tells her that this is a good year for friends, family, and "finding herself," Pacy begins searching right away. As the year goes on, she struggles to find her talent, deals with disappointment, makes a new best friend, and discovers just why the Year of the Dog is a lucky one for her after all.



J Lup - *Triple Threat*

by Mike Lupica

Twelve-year-old Alex Carlisle loves football almost as much as she loves her father. But when she joins the Orville Middle School football team, not all of the boys, or parents, are pleased.



J Med - *Merci Suárez Can't Dance*

by Meg Medina

Merci embarks on a seventh grade year shaped by high teacher expectations, a crush on a school-store co-worker, and a bossy classmate's plan for the annual Heart Ball.



J Graphic Fiction Mil - *Click / Series Bk. 1*

by Kayla Miller

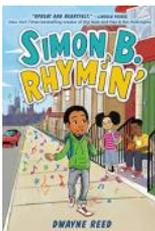
Olive "clicks" with everyone in the fifth grade--until one day she doesn't. When a school variety show leaves Olive stranded without an act to join, she begins to panic, wondering why all her friends have already formed their own groups ... without her. Will Olive be able to find her own place in the show before the curtain comes up?



J OCo- Wish

by Barbara O'Connor

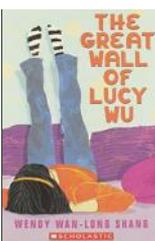
Eleven-year-old Charlie has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. When she is sent to live with family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is until she meets Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart, and Howard, a neighbor boy who proves surprising in lots of ways.



J Ree - Simon B. Rhyming

by Dwayne Reed

Chicago fifth-grader Simon, an aspiring rapper who lacks self-confidence, uses his rhymes to help bring his community together.



J Sha - The Great Wall of Lucy Wu

by Wendy Wan-Long Shang

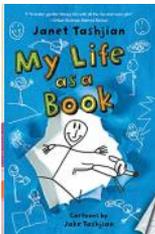
Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months, shattering her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year.



J Sum - Tune it Out

by Jamie Sumner

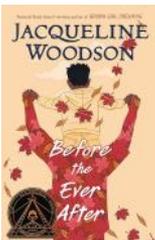
Twelve-year-old Lou Montgomery's life has been centered on her mother's terrifying plan to make her a singing star, but a crisis reveals Lou's sensory processing disorder and people determined to help her address it.



J Tas - My Life as a Book / Series Bk. 1

by Janet Tashjian

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.



J Woo - Before the Ever After

by Jacqueline Woodson

ZJ's friends Ollie, Darry, and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career.