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Hardcover

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Matt Dinniman, Ace, \$30

3. The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny
Kiran Desai, Hogarth, \$32

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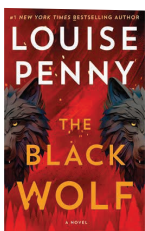
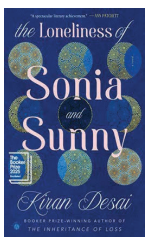
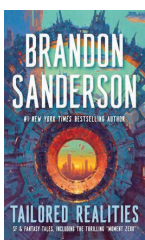
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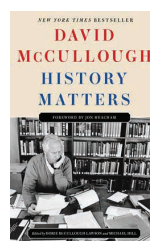
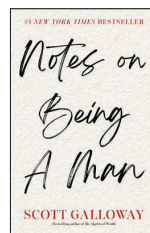
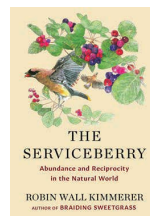
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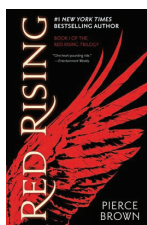
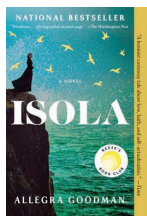
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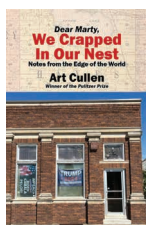
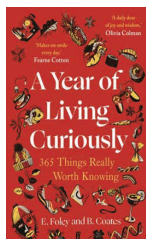
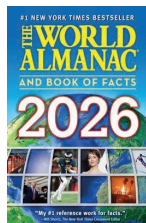
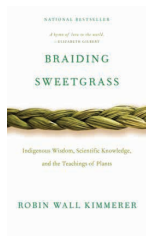
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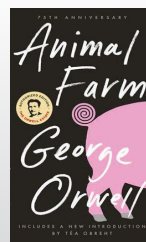
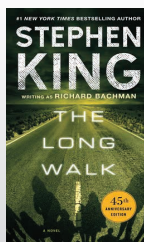
13. **The 2026 Old Farmer's Almanac**
Old Farmer's Almanac, \$10.95

14. **The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2026**
Sarah Janssen, World Almanac, \$17.99

15. **Dear Marty, We Crapped in Our Nest**
Art Cullen, Ice Cube Press, \$20

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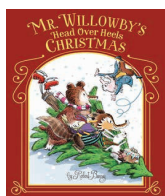
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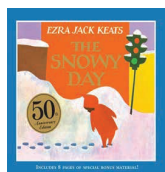
Children's

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ILLUSTRATED



1. **The Christmas Sweater**
Jan Brett, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



2. **Goodnight Moon**
Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, \$10.99

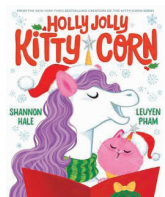
3. **Holly Jolly Kitty-Corn**
Shannon Hale, LeUyen Pham (Illus.), Abrams Books for Young Readers, \$19.99

4. **The Snowy Day**
Ezra Jack Keats, Viking Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



5. **A Snow Day for Amos McGee**
Philip C. Stead, Erin E. Stead (Illus.), Roaring Brook Press, \$19.99

6. **The Night Before Christmas**
Clement Moore, Charles Santore (Illus.), Applesauce Press, \$19.95



7. **Little Blue Truck's Christmas**
Alice Schertle, Jill McElmurry (Illus.), HMH Books for Young Readers, \$18.99

8. **Mr. Willowby's Head Over Heels Christmas**
Robert Barry, Doubleday Books for Young Readers, \$18.99



9. **Smooches!**
Sandra Boynton, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, \$7.99

10. **Bluey's Night Before Christmas**
Lauren Holowaty, Kiara Hankinson (Illus.), Gemma Bayley (Illus.), Penguin Young Readers, \$18.99

YOUNG ADULT & MIDDLE GRADE



1. **Impossible Creatures**
Katherine Rundell, Ashley Mackenzie (Illus.), Yearling, \$11.99

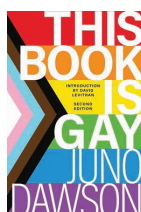
2. **A Wrinkle in Time**
Madeleine L'Engle, Square Fish, \$8.99

3. **The Poisoned King (Impossible Creatures #2)**
Katherine Rundell, Ashley Mackenzie (Illus.), Knopf Books for Young Readers, \$19.99



4. **Fake Skating**
Lynn Painter, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, \$21.99

5. **Odder**
Katherine Applegate, Charles Santoso (Illus.), Feiwel & Friends, \$16.99



6. **Dogtown**
Katherine Applegate, Gennifer Choldenko, Wallace West (Illus.), Square Fish, \$8.99

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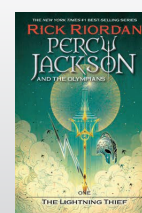
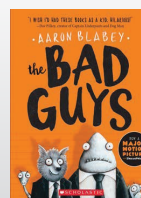
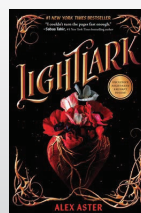


9. **The Giver**
Lois Lowry, Clarion Books, \$11.99

10. **If Only I Had Told Her**
Laura Nowlin, Sourcebooks Fire, \$12.99

CHILDREN'S SERIES

1. **Dog Man: Big Jim Believes**, Dav Pilkey, Graphix, \$15.99
2. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Partypooper**, Jeff Kinney, Harry N. Abrams, \$15.99
3. **Sunrise on the Reaping**, Suzanne Collins, Scholastic Press, \$27.99
4. **The Bad Guys**, Aaron Blabey, Scholastic, \$5.99
5. **Dragonborn**, Struan Murray, Dutton Books for Young Readers, \$19.99
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7. **Lightlark**, Alex Aster, Harry N. Abrams, \$12.99
8. **The Hunger Games**, Suzanne Collins, Scholastic, \$12.99
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10. **InvestiGators**, John Patrick Green, First Second, \$12.99



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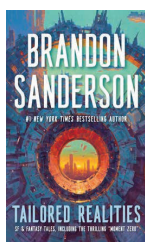


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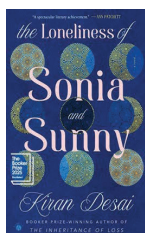
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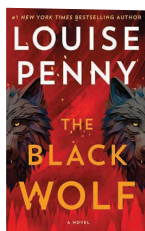


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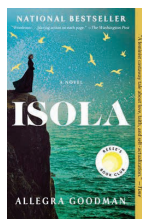


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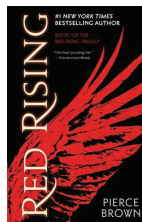
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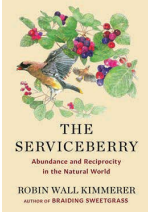
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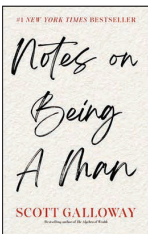
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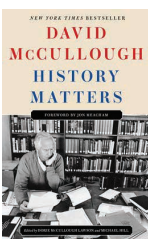
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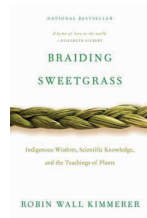
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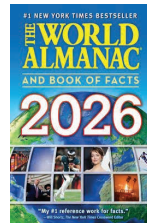
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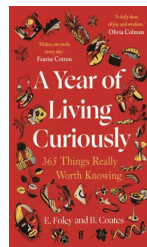
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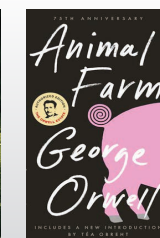
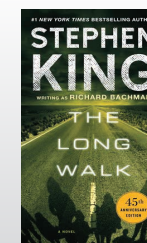
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