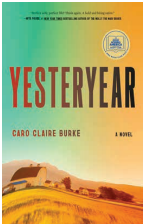


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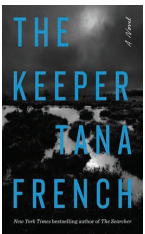
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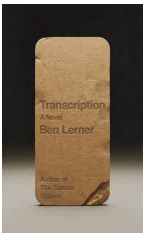
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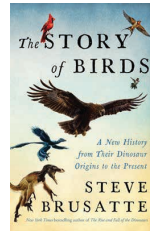
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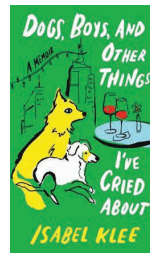
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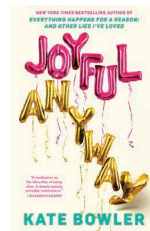
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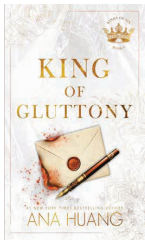
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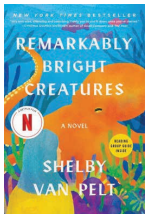
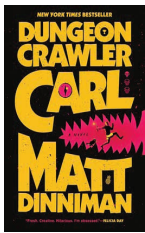
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Paperback

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- Dungeon Crawler Carl**
Matt Dinniman, Ace, \$20
- Remarkably Bright Creatures**
Shelby Van Pelt, Ecco, \$19.99
- James**
Percival Everett, Vintage, \$20
- King of Gluttony**
Ana Huang, Bloom Books, \$18.99
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Marjan Kamali, Gallery Books, \$18.99
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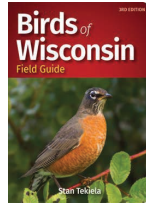
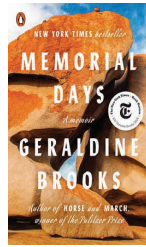
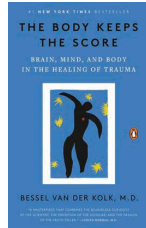
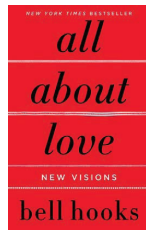


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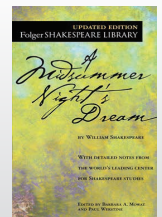
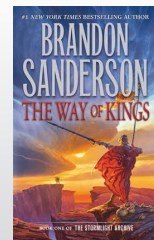
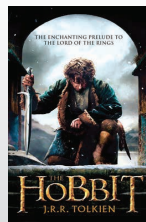
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1. **It's My Bird-Day!**
Mo Willems, Union Square Kids, \$18.99



2. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**
Eric Carle, World of Eric Carle, \$10.99



3. **Barnyard Dance!**
Sandra Boynton, Boynton Bookworks, \$7.99



4. **Don't Trust Fish**
Neil Sharpson, Dan Santat (illus.), Dial Books, \$18.99



5. **Buffalo Fluffalo and Puffalo (A Buffalo Fluffalo Story)**
Bess Kalb, Erin Kraan (illus.), Random House Studio, \$18.99

6. **I'll Love You Till the Cows Come Home**
Kathryn Cristaldi, Kristyna Litten (illus.), HarperCollins, \$9.99

7. **Goodnight Loon**
Abe Sauer, Nathaniel Davauer (illus.), University of Minnesota Press, \$9.95

8. **Construction Site: Firefight!**
Sherri Duskey Rinker, AG Ford (illus.), Chronicle Books, \$18.99

9. **Dragons Love Tacos**
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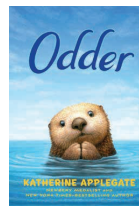
YOUNG ADULT & MIDDLE GRADE



1. **Captain Underpants: The First Epic Manga**
Dav Pilkey, Motojiri (Illus.), Graphix, \$14.99

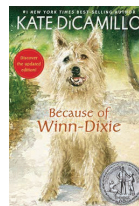
2. **A Fishboy Named...Sashimi**
Dan Santat, Roaring Brook Press, \$8.99

3. **The One and Only Bob**
Katherine Applegate, Patricia Castelao (Illus.), Storytide, \$10.99



4. **A Potion, a Powder, a Little Bit of Magic: Or, Like Lightning in an Umbrella Storm**
Philip C. Stead, Neal Porter Books, \$18.99

5. **Odder: The Novel**
Katherine Applegate, Charles Santoso (Illus.), Square Fish, \$8.99



6. **Because of Winn-Dixie**
Kate DiCamillo, Candlewick, \$8.99

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Sarah Beth Durst, Delacorte Press, \$14.99

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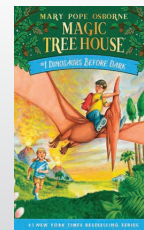
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Katherine Applegate, Feiwel & Friends, \$17.99

10. **A Wolf Called Fire**
Rosanne Parry, Mónica Armijo (Illus.), Greenwillow Books, \$9.99



CHILDREN'S SERIES

1. Dawn on the Coast: A Graphic Novel, Ann M. Martin, Arley Nopra, Graphix, \$14.99
2. Dinosaurs Before Dark, Mary Pope Osborne, Sal Murdocca, Random House Books for Young Readers, \$5.99
3. Dog Man: Big Jim Believes, Dav Pilkey, Graphix, \$15.99
4. Dog Man, Dav Pilkey, Graphix, \$12.99
5. Talons of Power: A Graphic Novel, Tui T. Sutherland, Mike Holmes, Graphix, \$14.99
6. Warriors Graphic Novel: The Prophecies Begin, #2, Erin Hunter, Natalie Riess, Sara Goetter, HarperAlley, \$15.99
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8. InvestiGators: Heist and Seek, John Patrick Green, First Second, \$12.99
9. Six of Crows, Leigh Bardugo, Square Fish, \$15.99
10. The Princess in Black, Shannon Hale, Dean Hale, Leuyen Pham, Candlewick, \$6.99



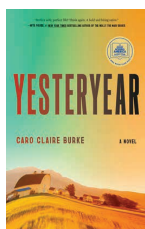
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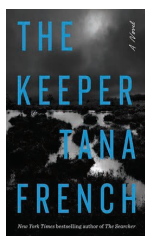


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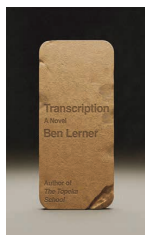
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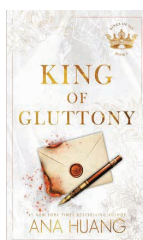
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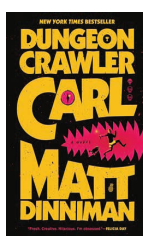
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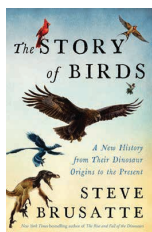
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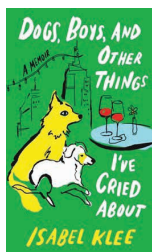


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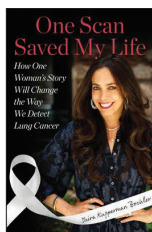


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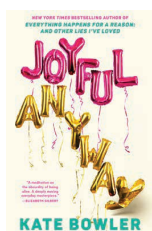


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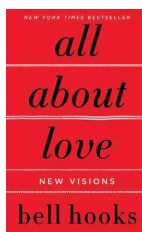
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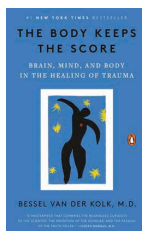


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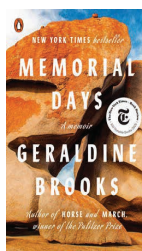
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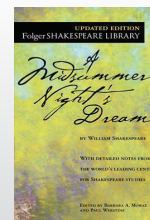
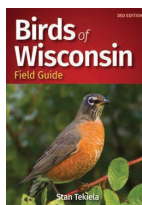


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