

Pax
by Sara Pennypacker
When his father enlists in the military and makes him return his beloved pet fox to the wild, Peter, who has been sent to live with his grandfather hundreds of miles away, embarks on a journey filled with astonishing discoveries in order to be reunited with his fox.

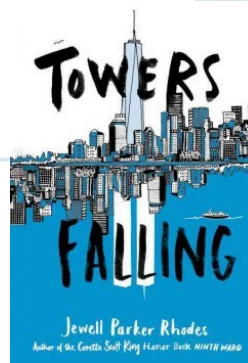
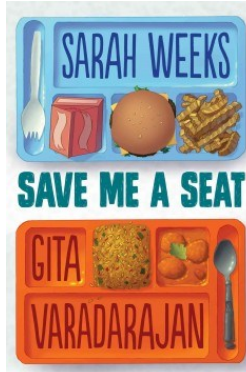
Tiny Stitches : The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas
by Gwendolyn Hooks
"Biography of Vivien Thomas, an African-American surgical technician who pioneered the procedure used to treat babies with a heart defect known as 'blue baby syndrome.' Includes author's note and author's sources"-- Provided by publisher.



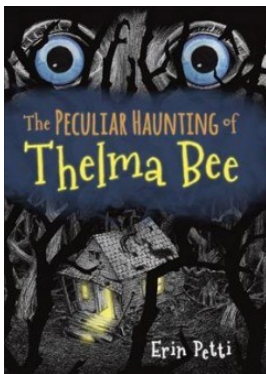
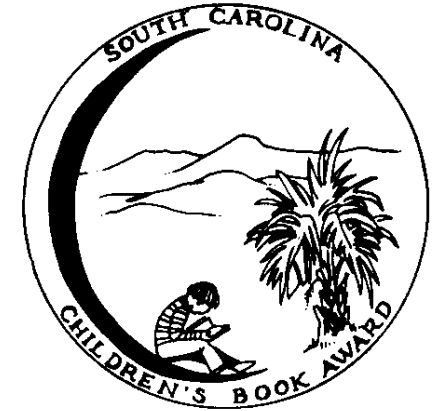
SOUTH CAROLINA 2018-19 CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD NOMINEES

Save Me a Seat
by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

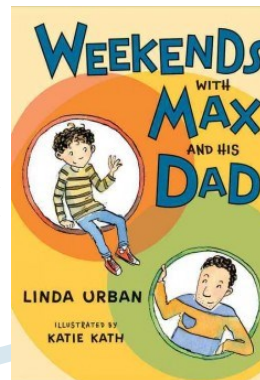


Towers Falling
by Jewell Parker Rhodes
While learning about September 11th, fifth grader Deja (born after the attacks) realizes how much the events still color her world.



The Peculiar Haunting of Thelma Bee
by Erin Petti
Eleven-year-old Thelma Bee is a budding scientist who has curiosity and adventure in her blood, but when a ghost kidnaps her father her only clues for getting her dad back are a strange jewelry box and the word "Return" whispered to her by the ghost.

Weekends with Max and his Dad
by Linda Urban
Third-grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family.



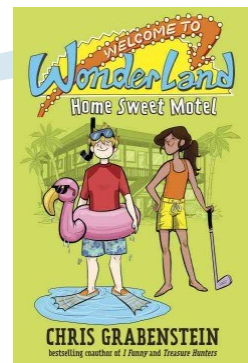
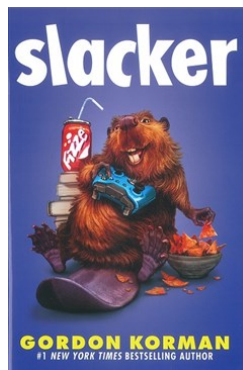
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Slacker
by Gordon Korman

When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G., and involved in community service, so the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not.

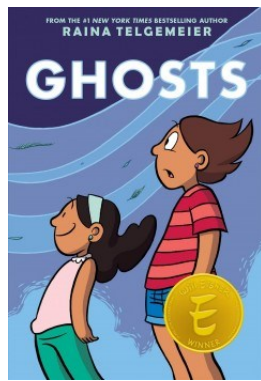


Welcome to Wonderland : Home Sweet Motel
by Chris Grabenstein
"P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland"-- Provided by publisher.

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Allie, First at Last
by Angela Cervantes

Born into a family of over-achievers, fifth-grader Allie Velasco has never finished first in anything, and lately things have been going badly: her science project is ruined by a well-meaning student, her former best friend is hanging out with another girl--but now she is determined to win the Trailblazer contest with a photographic presentation about her great grandfather, the first Congressional Medal of Honor winner from their town.

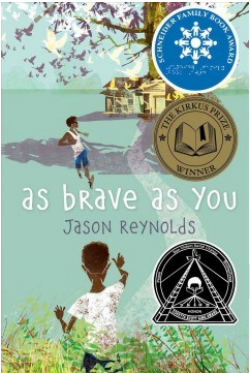
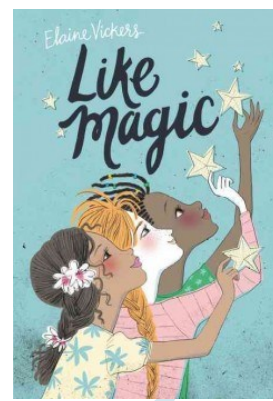


Ghosts
by Raina Telgemeier

Catrina and her family have moved to the coast of Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis--and Cat is even less happy about the move when she is told that her new home is haunted, and Maya sets her heart on meeting a ghost.

Like Magic
by Elaine Vickers

For three ten-year-old girls, their once simple worlds are starting to feel too big. Painfully shy Grace dreads starting fifth grade now that her best friend has moved away. Jada hopes she'll stop feeling so alone if she finds the mother who left years ago. And Malia fears the arrival of her new baby sister will forever change the family she loves. When the girls each find a mysterious treasure box in their library and begin to fill the box with their own precious things, they start to feel less alone. But it's up to Grace, Jada, and Malia to take the treasures and turn them into something more: true friendship.

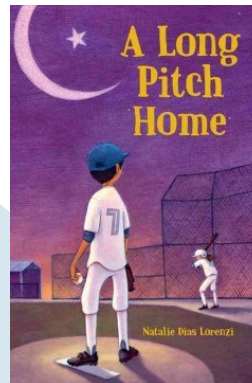
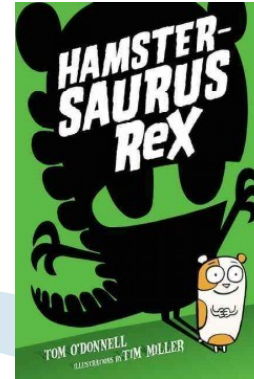


As Brave As You
by Jason Reynolds

"When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires--literally"--. Provided by publisher.

Hamstersaurus Rex
by Tom O'Donnell

"Eleven-year old Sam befriends a hungry class hamster that undergoes a freaky transformation"--Provided by publisher.

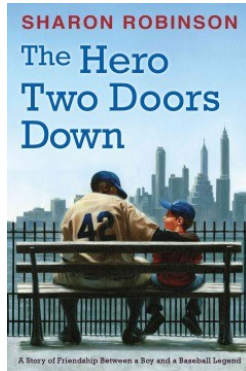
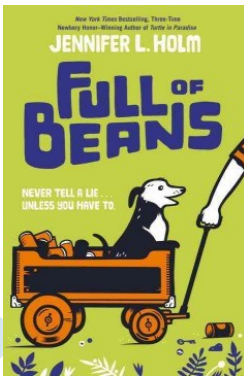


A Long Pitch Home
by Natalie Dias Lorenzi

When Bilal's family suddenly moves to America, his father stays in Pakistan, and Bilal embraces baseball, an unexpected friend, and a new language. But this new way of life does not feel so special without Baba--will he ever get to America to see Bilal pitch a game?

Full of Beans
by Jennifer L. Holm

Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort.

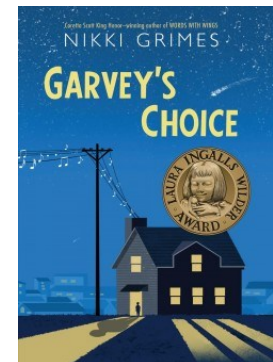


The Hero Two Doors Down : a Story of Friendship Between a Boy and a Baseball Legend
by Sharon Robinson

Eight-year-old Steve Satlow is thrilled when Jackie Robinson moves into his Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn in 1948, although many of his neighbors are not, and when Steve actually meets his hero he is even more excited--and worried that a misunderstanding over a Christmas tree could damage his new friendship.

The Lost Cipher
by Michael Oechsle

After the death of his father, Lucas becomes obsessed with the legend of Thomas Jefferson Beale's lost treasure, and leads his friends on a dangerous mission into the wilderness to find it.

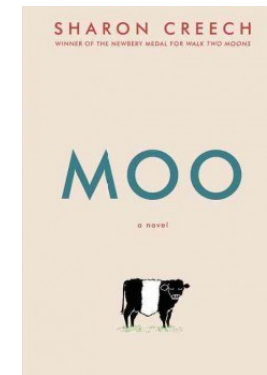


Garvey's Choice
by Nikki Grimes

Preferring science and reading to the sports his father wants him to play, Garvey comforts himself with food and endures bullying before joining the school chorus, where he learns how to accept himself and bond with his father.

Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter
by Beth Fantaskey

In the 1920s, a ten-year-old newsgirl who aspires to be a reporter at the ChicagoTribune investigates the murder of a gangster.



Moo
by Sharon Creech

Follows the efforts of twelve-year-old Reena, who has recently moved to rural Maine, to adjust to a new environment while unexpectedly bonding with an ornery cow.