



From the Desk of Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks

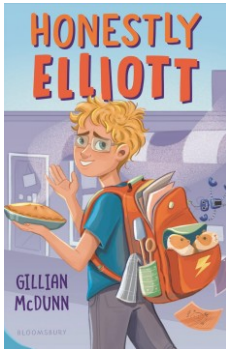
Receiving an unexpected letter on her 12th birthday from the incarcerated father she has never met, a courageous young baker prepares for a cooking-show competition while scrambling to determine her father's innocence.



11 Birthdays

by Wendy Mass

Amanda and Leo, best friends with the same birthday, had a falling out on their tenth birthday and have not spoken since, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their eleventh birthday repeats itself again and again.



Honestly Elliott

by Gillian McDunn

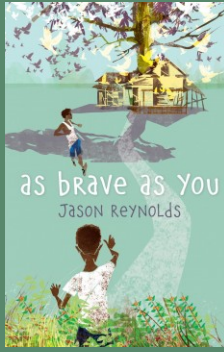
Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his divorced father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, sixth-grader Elliott finds an unlikely friend in popular, perfect Maribel when the two are paired in a school-wide contest.



Merci Suárez Changes Gears

by Meg Medina

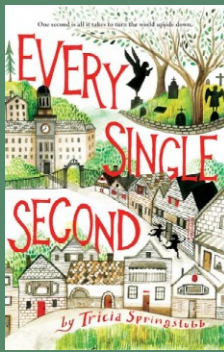
Merci Suárez begins the sixth grade and knows things will change, but she did not count on her grandfather acting strangely, not fitting in at her private school, and dealing with Edna Santos' jealousy.



As Brave As You

by Jason Reynolds

When Genie and his older brother spend their summer in the country with their grandparents, he learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave.



Every Single Second

by Tricia Springstubb

Struggling with the feeling that her life is spinning out of control, Nella is shocked when her former best friend's brother makes a fatal mistake, prompting the need for Nella to choose between conflicting loyalties in a community torn by racial and class divides.



A Crooked Kind of Perfect

by Linda Urban

Upset when her dreams of becoming a grand pianist are squashed when her father returns from the store with an old organ, ten-year-old Zoe Elias tries to make the best of it and so practices hard in order to get her moment in the spotlight.



Front Desk

by Kelly Yang

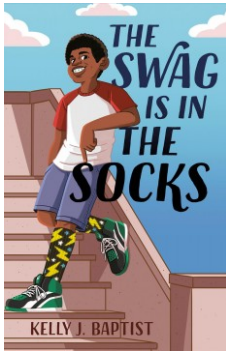
After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, despite the nasty owner, Mr. Yao, who exploits them, while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school.

Realistic



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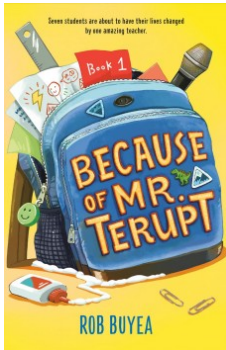
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The Swag is in the Socks

by Kelly J. Baptist

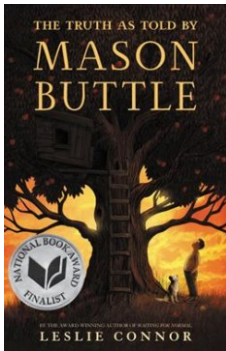
When his uncle sends him a pair of funky socks—and issues him a challenge—on his 12th birthday, Xavier Moon must decide whether to follow in his family's footsteps or march down a new path.



Because of Mr. Terupt

by Rob Buyea

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by rookie teacher Mr. Terupt.



The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle

by Leslie Connor

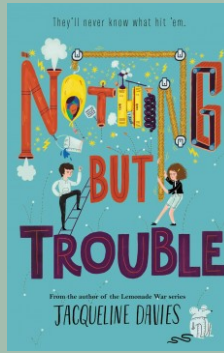
As he grieves his best friend Benny's death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven for themselves, but when Calvin goes missing Mason finds himself in trouble.



New Kid

by Jerry Craft
Graphic Novel

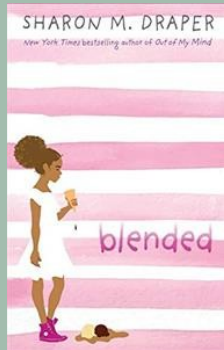
After his parents send him to a prestigious private school known for its academics, Jordan Banks finds himself torn between two worlds.



Nothing but Trouble

by Jacqueline Davies

Two smart girls in one small town use their combined genius to liven up their world—one prank at a time.



Blended

by Sharon M. Draper

Piano prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.



The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise

by Dan Gemeinhart

Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus to save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished.



Absolutely Almost

by Lisa Graff

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, most athletic, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.



The Boys in the Back Row

by Mike Jung

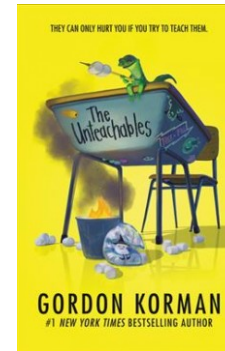
Before Eric moves away, he and his best friend Matt sneak out for a final adventure during a marching band competition.



You Go First

by Erin Entrada Kelly

Charlotte, twelve, and Ben, eleven, are highly-skilled competitors at online Scrabble and that connection helps both as they face family issues and the turmoil of middle school.



The Unteachables

by Gordon Korman

Isolated from the rest of their school, a notorious class of misfits, delinquents and academic underachievers embark on a year of unexpected changes with a burned-out teacher who has been shattered by a cheating scandal.



Rules

by Cynthia Lord

Catherine is excited about her new relationship with Jason and friendship with the girl next door, but when the pressures from home take their toll on her, Catherine acts out badly and so begins to consider reviewing and revising her own coping skills.