Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas
Helped by Etta, an elderly former swim team captain, Bree might actually be able to make it through the dreaded elective she’s stuck with—Swim 101.
Realistic/Graphic Gr. 4+

Thirst by Varsha Bajaj
When Minni witnesses thieves stealing water—a precious commodity in her poor Mumbai neighborhood—her eyes are opened to both social inequality and the danger she is in.
Realistic Fiction Gr. 5+

The Tryout by Christina Soontornvat
Christina and Megan badly want to fit in, and cheerleading seems like a good way to do that. But can the girls survive the pressure of tryouts?
Memoir/Graphic Gr. 4+

Violet & Jobie in the Wild by Lynne Rae Perkins
Comfortable in their human home until being unexpectedly trapped and released into the wild, sibling mice Violet & Jobie must learn to survive—and fast!
Realistic/Animal Gr. 4

We Were the Fire, Birmingham 1963 by Shelia P. Moses
In a deeply segregated city, Rufus realizes that he and his friends can do something to help bring about change.
Historical Fiction Gr. 5+

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Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter

Past Winners
- Ground Zero, by Alan Gratz
- Wildfire, by Rodman Philbrick
- New Kid, by Jerry Craft
- The Trail, by Meika Hashimoto
- Ghosts, by Raina Telgemeier
- Roller Girl, by Victoria Jamieson

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Answers in the Pages
by David Levithan
When Donovan’s mom tries to get a book banned from his school, he decides he must stand up for what he thinks is right.
Realistic Fiction Gr. 4 & 5

Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?
by Leslie Connor
Aurora has always looked out for her best friend Frenchie—who is autistic and nonverbal—until Frenchie goes missing.
Realistic Fiction Gr. 5+

The Lost Year
by Katherine Marsh
When his 100-year-old GG moves in at the start of Covid lockdowns, Matthew uncovers a family secret going back to the Ukrainian famine of the 1930’s.
Historical Fiction Gr 5+

Duet
by Elise Broach
Mirabelle, piano-loving goldfinch, is intrigued by a boy who makes beautiful music. Their friendship leads to adventure and mystery.
Realistic/Mystery Gr. 4 & 5

The Lucky Ones
by Linda Williams Jackson
In 1967 Mississippi, Ellis Earl has big dreams, and an exciting opportunity, but can he overcome poverty and racial violence to grab it?
Fantasy Gr. 5+

The Midnight Children
by Dan Gemeinhart
Ravani sees seven mysterious children arrive in Slaughterville in the middle of the night. Who are they and where are the adults?
Historical Fiction Gr 5+

Garvey in the Dark
by Nikki Grimes
When people begin to get sick and schools and shops close, Garvey must go into lockdown. Is it possible to find hope and happiness in this new reality?
Realistic/Verse Gr. 4 & 5

New Dragon City
by Mari Mancusi
Noah is one of the last humans in the ruins of NYC after the dragon apocalypse, but a chance encounter reveals a possible path to survival for both species.
Sci-fi/Fantasy Gr. 5+

Odder
by Katherine Applegate
Odder, a playful sea otter, is a great storyteller and a fearless daredevil until an encounter with a great white shark changes her life.
Realistic/Animal/Verse Gr. 4

The Ogress and the Orphans
by Kelly Barnhill
Can a group of orphans and a kindly ogress reveal the true villain in their midst and save their once lovely town from further division and ruin?
Fantasy Gr. 5+

A Rover’s Story
by Jasmine Warga
A Mars rover experiences unexpectedly human feelings as he embarks on a very dangerous journey.
Science Fiction Gr. 5

The Secret Letters
by Margaret Peterson Haddix
A shoebox full of old letters leads two children to solve a mystery from the 1970s that tests their new-found friendship.
Mystery Gr. 5+

Sort of Super
by Eric Gapstur
Keeping the secret that he has amazing superpowers is not easy, but with his genius little sister’s help, Wyatt is still able to battle the bad guys!
Sci-fi/Graphic Gr. 4+