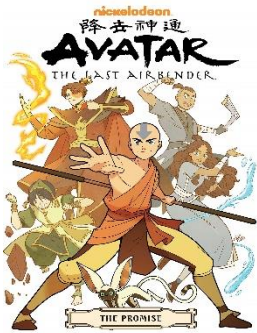


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Week of 1/30-2/4/2023



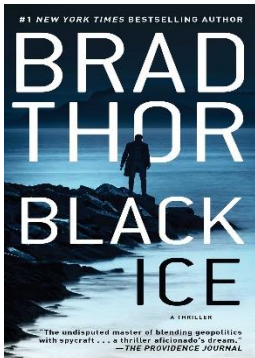
Bri

Title: ***Avatar the Last Airbender: The Promise***

Author: **Gene Luen Yank**

YA Graphic Novel

Avatar the Last Airbender was one of the most iconic shows from my childhood, almost any twenty something has seen this series! It's still one of my favorite animated series, and it maintains its appeal for kids today. This graphic novel is great because it picks up exactly where the show had left off. It's a really good continuation of the story for anyone who's recently binged the series and wants to know what happens to Aang and the gang next.



Christina

Title: ***Black Ice* (Book 20 of the "Scot Harvath" series)**

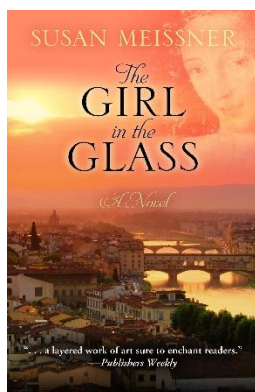
Author: **Brad Thor**

Action Thriller

Scot Harvath has been having the summer of his life in Norway with his girlfriend, Solvi, but his vacation mindset is disrupted when he sees a "ghost" - a man he killed on assignment years ago - get out of a taxi. Harvath becomes obsessed with discovering the man's identity, which takes him into the center of an operation

involving Russia and China.

After getting some initial help from Solvi, he calls in a highly skilled intelligence team, and delves into his new mission taking them deep into the Arctic Circle. Together, can they endure the race against time and the forces of nature to prevent a potential third world war?



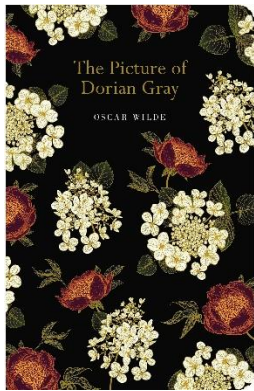
Jen

Title: ***The Girl in the Glass***

Author: **Susan Meissner**

Fiction

This book is a soul-searching journey as much for the reader, as it is for Meg, a book editor who has always dreamed of going to Florence, Italy. This dream was spurred on by a painting hanging in her grandmother's house when she was a young girl. This book shares the timeless splendor of Florence, and its exquisite sculptures, paintings, cathedrals and museums. The story captures the spirit of Italy and your heart with a story of love, heartache and the power in each of us to shape our future, despite anything that's happened in the past.



Kaya

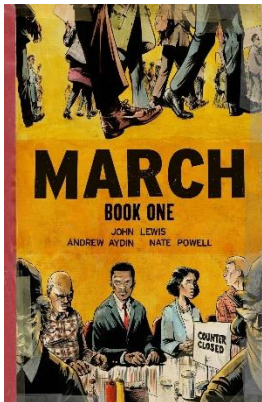
Title: ***The Picture of Dorian Gray***

Author: **Oscar Wilde**

Fiction

In 19th century London, a handsome young man named Dorian Gray has his portrait painted. As the image is completed, Dorian realizes that he will outlive the portrait and the youthful beauty that it captures. Driven by narcissistic pride, and the poor influences of a companion, Dorian makes the first of a lifelong series of terrible choices – he makes a deal with the devil. As the years pass and Dorian looks as young and as handsome as ever, the portrait begins to reveal the rotting and corrupted character that Dorian has truly become.

This book was tragically beautiful, full of thought-provoking ideas, and dark seduction. Oscar Wilde corrupts his own characters in such a way that the reader can only sit back and read in horror as the story unfolds. The book originally faced much criticism for its scandalous themes, but as Wilde says in this story: “The books that the world calls immoral, are books that show the world its own shame.”



Marcia

Title: ***March: Book One***

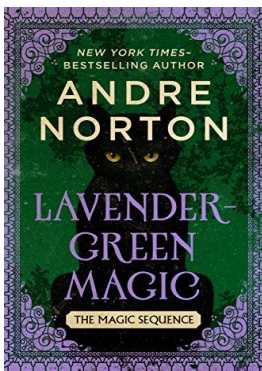
Authors: **John Lewis & Andrew Aydin**

Illustrator: **Nate Powell**

YA Graphic Memoir

March is a vivid first-hand account of Congressman John Lewis' lifelong involvement in the Civil Rights movement. Book One recounts his youth, the pivotal meeting with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., their struggle to bring an end to segregation through non-violent lunch counter sit-ins, and his first rally on City Hall steps.

This three book series is amazing for teens. The illustrations are incredibly impactful - you can't "un-forget" the violence Lewis endured in his fight for justice.



Melissa

Title: ***Lavender-Green Magic***

Author: **Andre Norton**

YA Magic/Time Travel

With their father MIA in Vietnam, Holly, Judy, and Crockett Wade move from Boston to the small town of Dimsdale, MA to live with their grandparents. The usual fears of a new school, new neighbors and an unfamiliar environment plague Holly and she worries that she'll never fit in. However, with the discovery of an old scented pillow embroidered with broken circles, Holly begins to have strange dreams and the children find a maze (similar in design to the embroidery on the pillow) in the junkyard next door. What they fail to realize is that the maze is a path to another time. Their "timely" journey takes them to colonial New England where they meet a healer (Tamar) and engage in a perilous race to save their town from the clash between the forces of good and evil as two witches duel for control.

This is truly one of my well-loved favorite reads from childhood. It traveled with me as we moved from town-to-town, school-to-school, and my siblings and I were continually faced with meeting new neighbors and finding our way in strange places. I still pick it up to read about once a year and it never fails to enthrall me. A must read for any tween/teen fearing similar challenges or just looking for a magical read.

Week of 2/6-2/11, 2023



Bri

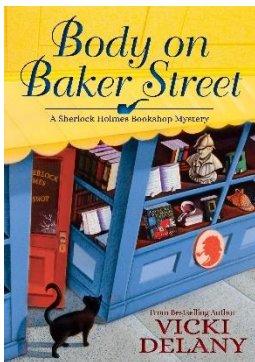
Title: *Kitty Sweet Tooth*

Author: Abby Denson

Illustrator: Utomaru

Juvenile Graphic Novel

A super cute children's graphic novel about a kitty who likes to go to the movies and eat yummy desserts! Kitty helps *The Wonder Palace* movie theater draw in more guests by making new and exciting desserts with the help of a few magical friends. I think the illustrations are absolutely adorable - the colors are extremely bright and vibrant. The second book in the series just came out a few months ago, and I'm excited to see what Kitty and her friends do next.



Christina

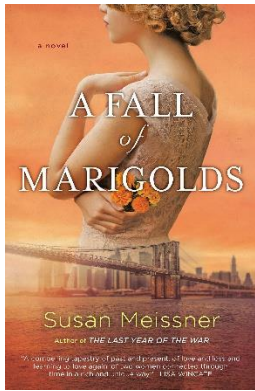
Title: *Body on Baker Street* (# 2 in *Sherlock Holmes Bookshop* series)

Author: Vicki Delany

Mystery

Observant and ambitious Gemma Doyle is the owner of the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop and Emporium. When she receives a last-minute call from the assistant of author Renalta Van Markoff requesting to do a book signing at her store, Gemma is more than happy to oblige. She and her staff scramble to put everything together for the day of the signing - everything seems to be going off without a hitch. This changes in an instant when Donald Morris, one of the attendees, gets into a heated debate with Ms. Van Markoff, who collapses moments later.

As news of the author's subsequent death spreads throughout town, Donald becomes the main suspect. He maintains his innocence and implores Gemma to help him clear his name. She believes Donald, and begins to conduct her own investigation despite warnings from the local police department. However...someone else knows that Gemma is about to reveal the truth, putting Gemma's life in danger. We're left wondering...Will she be able to put the pieces together to prove Donald's innocence before the killer strikes again?



Jen

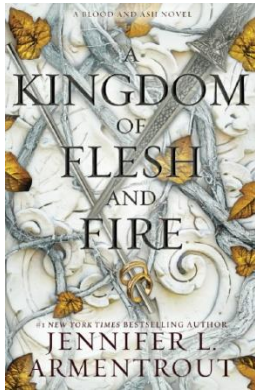
Title: ***A Fall of Marigolds***

Author: **Susan Meissner**

Fiction

I really enjoyed this book. It's the story of two women separated by a hundred years - one living in September of 1911 and the other in September, 2011 - and the two spur of the moment decisions inspired by joy, that cause their lives to intersect. Tragedy, loss, great love and a mysterious marigold scarf connect them and change their lives

forever - emotional and compelling.



Kaya

Title: ***A Kingdom of Flesh and Fire***

Author: **Jennifer L. Armentrout**

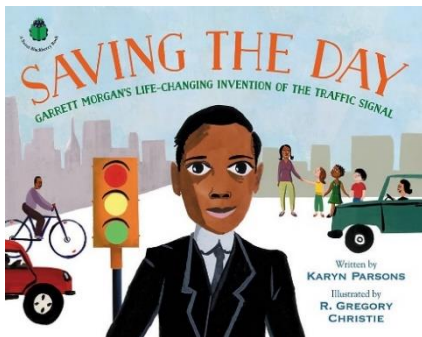
Romance/ Fantasy/ Fiction

A BETRAYAL. A CHOICE. A SECRET. Temptations galore!

Following *From Blood and Ash*, Poppy is reeling from the betrayals and lies she discovered, not only about her life and her role in her kingdom, but about the man she's falling in love with. As she grapples with her feelings for him, and the realization that her people are in danger, she must choose the role she will play in the ever-

unfolding conflict between Atlantia and the Ascended.

Steamy and full of action, *A Kingdom of Flesh and Fire* is an excellent, fast-paced fantasy that fans of Sarah J. Maas' *A Court of Thorns and Roses* will love.



Marcia

Title: ***Saving the Day: Garrett Morgan's Life-Changing Invention of the Traffic Signal***

Author: **Karyn Parsons**

Illustrator: **R. Gregory Christie**

Children's Non-Fiction

This is the story of the young life of little known African American inventor Garrett Morgan. He grew up in a large family of focused and industrious individuals, but Garrett was different, he was an observer and a daydreamer. As a young man he found work as sewing machine repairman and in the process, he invented many things to improve upon simple devices.

After observing too many traffic accidents, he thought about ways to let drivers know when something was approaching. In 1922 he submitted a patent for a three-way traffic signal. This eventually became our red, yellow, and green traffic light.

Garrett Morgan went on to invent many more important and life-saving inventions. Although racism often made his work more difficult, he never faltered in his dream of trying to help others.



Melissa

Title: *Star Wars: Darth Vader - a 3D Reconstruction Log*

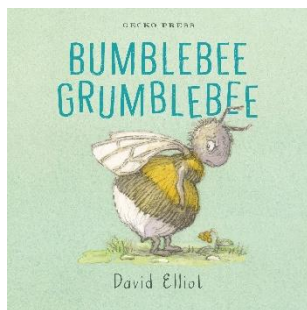
Author: **Daniel Wallace**

Illustrators: **Chris Revas & Chris Reiff**

Juvenile Sci-Fi Board Book

As I pulled this book out of the returns in the book-drop, I was immediately captivated. It is a very cool 3-D book that "deconstructs" Darth Vader from the outside-in. Each page breaks down the technology of the biological or cyborg system sustaining the Sith Lord. Everything from the construction of his helmet to features of his mask to the prosthetic limbs and implants, right down to his skeletal and nervous systems - absolutely first rate illustrations and relatively simple, but extensive, explanations of the "what" and "how" of his body's workings. Definitely a MUST for any Star Wars fan, as well as for those who enjoy an "inside look" at how things work.

Week of 2/13-2/18, 2023



Bri

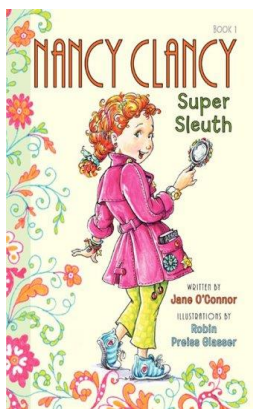
Title: *Bumblebee Grumblebee*

Author: **David Elliot**

Toddler Board Book

It is SUCH a cute little book for babies and their families to experiment with wordplay. There's bumblebees and grumblebees, cockatoos and sockatoos, pelicans and smellicans...and plenty of other funny animal friends! The

illustrations are simple, but very engaging. A fun book to read aloud as you twist familiar animals names into something silly and new.



Christina

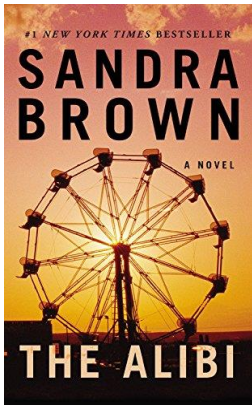
Title: *Nancy Clancy: Super Sleuth* (# 1 in series)

Author: **Jane O'Connor**

Juvenile Fiction

Super cute book! Join Nancy and her best friend, Bree, on their quest to become great investigators! These enthusiastic, intelligent young girls have big plans to start their own detective agency when grown up. They're getting a head start by diving into a mystery that begins right in their own classroom - their teacher's marble seemingly disappears into thin air. They analyze pictures, make suspect lists, and ask lots of

questions on their way to solving the mystery; but, even the most prepared detectives might be in store for a few surprises. This is a fun, refreshing story for a budding mystery reader!



Jen

Title: *The Alibi*

Author: Sandra Brown

Fiction

This book is about an ambitious Charleston prosecutor investigating a high stakes case involving the murder of the city's most powerful real estate magnate. It mixes a little murder, some corruption, and a good bit of illicit romance.



Kaya

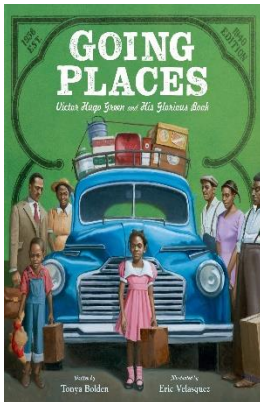
Title: *This Little Kitty*

Author: Karen Obuhanyich

Juvenile Picture Book

This is such a fun book for kids and for cat lovers alike! The pictures are colorful and hilarious; I really enjoyed looking at them, even as an adult. Enjoy an upbeat story with rhyming text about the daily life of mischievous kittens as they snack,

pounce, play, and bask in the sun.



Marcia

Title: *Going Places Victor Hugo Green and His Glorious Book*

Author: Tonya Bolden

Illustrator: Eric Valasquez

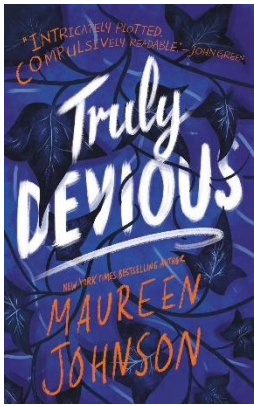
Juvenile Non-Fiction

This is the story of entrepreneur Victor Hugo Green's life and his invention of the *Green Book* - a travel guide intended to help African-Americans stay safe while traveling during the time of Segregation.

Most children today can't imagine that taking a vacation trip, or visiting Grandma could be dangerous, never mind unbelievably inconvenient. You couldn't get gas, because service stations wouldn't serve you. You couldn't eat at most restaurants, use restrooms, or find lodging - if it were a long trip, you'd most likely sleep in your car.

The story is written in a conversational way, both understandable and engaging for children. It comes alive with vibrantly colored illustrations of African-American families traveling in their vehicles. It includes postcards, ads, signs detailing "Whites Only," and other ephemera of the times along with pictured maps of routes.

You'll also find a "Timeline," notes, and websites where children may view digital copies of the *Green Book*, and practice mapping travel routes to different places at different times during the segregation years. An outstanding title that teachers may find invaluable during Black History month.



Mel

Title: *Truly Devious* (#1 in series)

Author: **Maureen Johnson**

YA Mystery/Thriller/Fiction

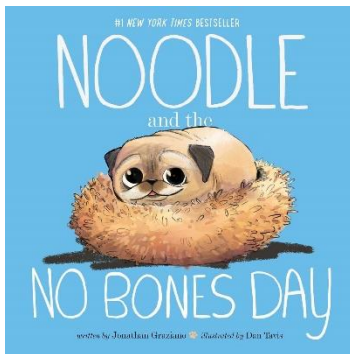
Stevie (Stephanie) Bell has been unexpectedly admitted to the remote and exclusive Ellingham Academy in Vermont for her junior year of High School. The school offers very unique programs for the diversely gifted students admitted - authors, artists, inventors, etc. – and then there’s Stevie. A smart, true crime wizard, but, unlike her classmates, her talent lies in sleuthing, not in the classical sciences.

The Academy was found by a 20th century tycoon with a penchant for games, riddles, and mysterious tunnels and passageways. His vision was to provide “A place where learning is a game.” Unfortunately, his family life becomes one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of the 1930’s when his wife & daughter are kidnapped.

Fast forward to the 21st century and Stevie’s determined assault on the cold case in the company of her odd dorm mates – one (or more...) of which fall victim to a new “truly devious” and deadly game. A remarkable tale that cleverly connects the past and present mysteries, while developing realistic teen characters with all of the usual baggage accompanying their journey into adulthood.

Spoiler Alert - The intertwined mysteries of this story are NOT resolved in book 1, you’ll need to read books 2 and 3 to get to the bottom of this twisted story!

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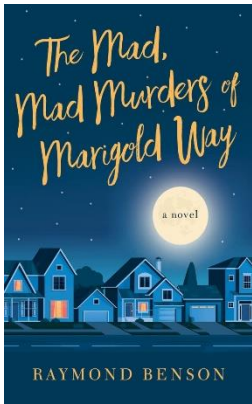
Title: *Noodle and the No Bones Day*

Author: **Jonathan Graziano**

Illustrator: **Dan Tavis**

Juvenile Picture Book

Some days are just “no bones days” - as you may know - this is the story of Noodle, a little pug, who became a viral sensation for his “no bones” days. This cute book is about Noodle's first “no bones” day. Noodle's owner Jonathan would post videos of his morning routine with Noodle, where viewers would find out if it was a “bones” or “no bones” day. On “bones” days, Noodle gets up and goes on adventures with Jonathan – like going to the park or taking walks. When it's a “no bones” day, the pair like to stay inside together and relax in bed. The phrase “it's a no bones day” is now commonly used by my friends and I, meaning that we plan on taking it easy and not worry about getting anything done that day.



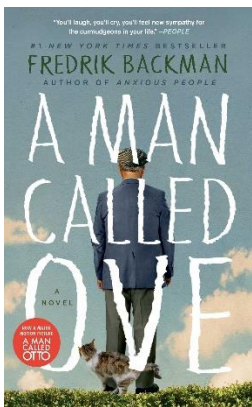
Christina

Title: *The Mad, Mad Murders of Marigold Way*

Author: **Raymond Benson**

Fiction

Have you ever wondered what your neighbors are *really* like behind closed doors? If not, this book will entice you to start! After two bodies are discovered in a house fire, a few seemingly ordinary residents of Marigold Way (Lincoln Grove, IL) are suddenly the center of intense criticism. Scott Hatcher and Rachel Bergman, the victims' spouses, both claim to be unaware of how it all happened, but each of them admits to the police that their marriages were failing. Simultaneously, a string of trash can fires have been occurring in local parks, and one of the teenagers in the neighborhood has become a prime suspect. The all-seeing narrator will walk you through the hidden parts of the neighbors' lives, as the police attempt to end the spree of shocking crimes in their town.



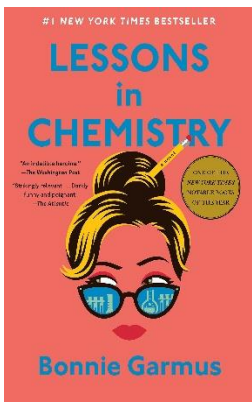
Jen

Title: *A Man Called Ove*

Author: **Frederick Bachman**

Fiction

Ove is grumpy, has a tendency to point fingers at those he dislikes, has strong principles, lives by a strict routine, and “loses” it when crossed. However, there’s always more to a person than what you see on their face. Behind this cantankerous exterior lies a good-hearted person and a sad history. A poignant, yet humorous, tale of the interactions between people and the impact lives have on one another.



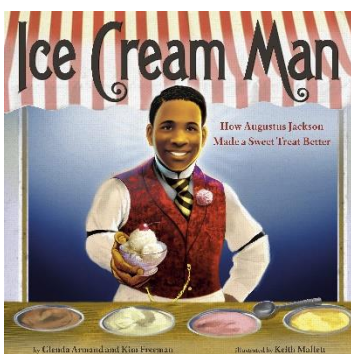
Kathy

Title: *Lessons in Chemistry*

Author: **Bonnie Garmus**

Fiction

Elizabeth Zott is a brilliant chemist (and unlikely cooking show host) trying to survive in the man's world of the 50s & 60s. She manages to with dogged determination, challenging women’s place in the status quo as she does so. This novel is smart and funny, with twists and turns all along the way.



Marcia

Title: *Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made a Sweet Treat Better*

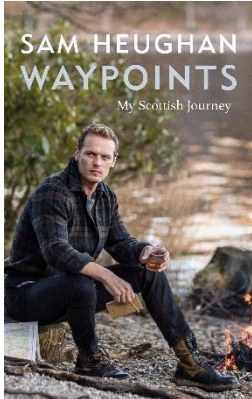
Author: **Glenda Armand and Kim Freeman**

Illustrator: **Keith Mallett**

Juvenile Non-Fiction Picture Book

This is the illustrated story of a poor, African American freeman born in Philadelphia in 1808, and how he changed ice cream into the treat we know and love today. Augustus loved to cook and by the time he was twelve, he cooked most of the family meals. When he left home, he decided to find a job cooking - he ended up at the White House where he learned to make a creamy egg-based treat called "Ice Cream." By the time he was seventeen, he was the cook at the White House and ice cream was his special treat. He had learned to perfect a new lighter mixture without the eggs.

By the time he was twenty-two, he returned to Philadelphia and set to work making ice cream recipes easier, so that everyone could enjoy the treat. He achieved his dream by using rock salt, ice cream could be made faster. At the end of the story is a recipe for children (with the help of adults) to make their own flavor of ice cream. Yummmm!



Mel

Title: *Waypoints: My Scottish Journey*

Author: **Sam Heughan**

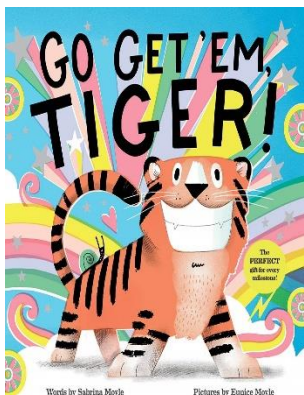
Auto-biographical Non-Fiction

For fans of the *Outlander* television series in general, and “Jamie Fraser” in particular. This is a journal of Sam’s ninety-six mile hiking journey along Scotland’s West Highland Way. It’s a love story of both the country and his chosen career.

Starting as a spontaneous, and not very well considered, trek, the story intermingles both the emotional roller-coaster experienced during the physically grueling hike and his personal history leading to his present career in acting.

Simply, but evocatively written, one gets a real sense of Sam as a person – a person who enjoys observing from the outskirts with occasional forays into the limelight as a “character.” He’s a charming, insightful, and witty man who enjoys a good dram of whiskey and his own company – you’ll like Sam the person as much as you like “Jamie” the character.

Week of 2/27-3/4, 2023



Bri

Title: *Go Get 'Em Tiger!*

Author: **Sabrina Moyle**

Illustrator: **Eunice Moyle**

Juvenile Picture Book

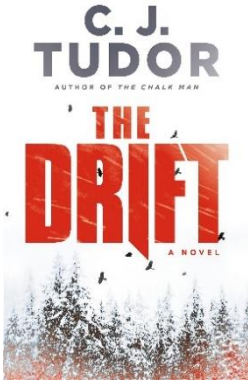
This is a super cute book for anyone reaching a new milestone - especially for kids moving up a grade or graduating. The illustrations are really bright and colorful! The book has so many great motivational rhymes encouraging readers to: 'Go find some fun!; Go pounce and play!; Hunt down delight in every day.' *Go Get 'Em Tiger* is actually a part of the *Hello! Lucky* picture book series, all of which have fun illustrations (and have lots of puns!) in stories promoting kindness, empathy, and service.

Kathy

Title: *The Drift*

Author: C.J. Tudor

Fiction



Three ordinary people risk everything for a chance at redemption in this audacious, utterly gripping novel of catastrophe and survival at the end of the world - from the acclaimed author of *The Chalk Man*.

Written before the pandemic, it is very close to what has been happening the past three years.

Kaya

Title: *These Hollow Vows*

Author: Lexi Ryan

YA Fantasy



In a world full of inequality and mistrust, Brie must steal to keep her and her sister from starving or being sold to the Fae. When her worst fears are realized, however, she finds herself caught between the Seelie and Unseelie courts in a quest to get her sister back.

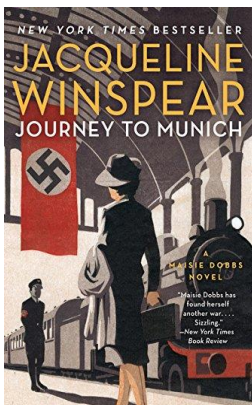
Dancing, daggers, and gowns...monsters and bands of misfits, deals with evil kings, curses, and betrayal. This book hits on all the right notes to be seductive and packed with action. If you enjoyed the books *The Cruel Prince*, *Once Upon a Broken Heart*, or *A Court of Thorns and Roses*, you will love this!

Marcia

Title: *Journey to Munich* (#12 in the *Maisie Dobbs* series)

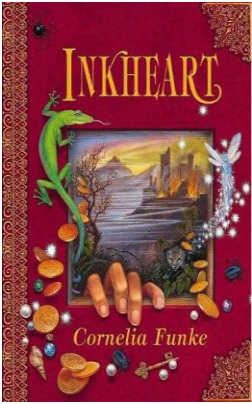
Author: Jacqueline Winspear

Mystery/Historical Fiction



The year is 1938. Maisie is traveling undercover for the British Secret Service to Munich, to obtain the release of an important British citizen from Dachau Prison. It's not her only purpose, she has other clandestine tasks. I felt that this to be the darkest of all the titles. The reader experiences multiple brutal murders and feels the absolute horror of Nazi Germany. Thrilling and suspenseful, I couldn't put it down.

Note: I feel the series gets better with each new title. Maisie is a character driven mystery and, perhaps, the strongest female protagonist I've ever read. It's best to read these stories in order as Maisie grows, learns, suffers, ultimately loves, and finds hope in her complicated life.



Mel

Title: *Inkheart*

Author: **Cornelia Funke**

YA Fiction

Have you ever heard a story read aloud and felt the characters come alive with the great narration? Meet Meggie, her father Mo, Aunt Elinor, Dustfinger, Gwin (a 'horned' ferret) and Capricorn as we're taken from modern day into the realm of fiction.

This book begins with a well-kept secret, Meggie's father (a bookbinder) has the magical ability to "read" characters from books into our world; he's a *silvertongue*. The only problem is that the characters read from the pages don't want to go back to their own world...and not all of them are nice. Follow Meggie on her journey from this world into the imaginary, as she encounters magical beings and tries to change the 'story' that impacted her life from the age of three.

A surprising, twisty, lovely (and scary) tale of the love of books, the bonds we forge with companions, and the risks we take for those we love.