

Radiant

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux

In 1963, Cooper Dale navigates the challenges of fifth grade as a Black girl in a predominantly white community near Pittsburgh.

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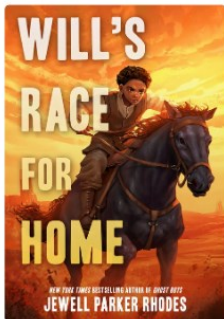


Uprising

Nielsen, Jennifer A.

12-year-old Lidia's life is forever changed by the Nazi occupation of Poland, leading her to join the resistance movement to fight against the Nazis & aid Jewish people in the Warsaw Ghetto during WWII.

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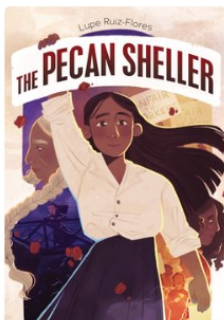


Will's Race for Home

Rhodes, Jewell Parker

During the land rush of 1889, African American Will & his father journey from Texas to Oklahoma, racing thousands of others to stake their claim.

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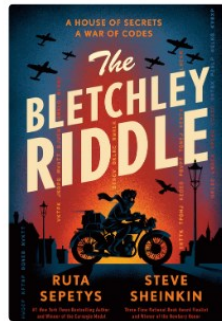


Pecan Sheller

Ruiz-Flores, Lupe

In 1930s San Antonio, after her father's death, 13-year-old Petra must quit school to work at a pecan shelling factory where dangerous conditions & low wages push her to take a vital stand for change.

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The Bletchley Riddle

Sepetys, Ruta

Jakob & Lizzie find themselves at Bletchley Park, the home of WWII codebreakers working to decrypt the Nazi's Enigma cipher, where the two struggle to unravel a mystery surrounding their mother's disappearance.

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The Peach Thief

Smith, Linda Joan

Orphan Scilla is offered a job after being caught stealing a peach, & being mistaken for a boy. As her relationships with other garden employees grow, how far will she go to have a home at last?

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The Rise of the Spider

Spradlin, Michael P.

With a sense of foreboding, 12-year-old Rolf witnesses his brother Romer's indoctrination by the Hitler Youth amidst the turmoil of 1929 Germany.

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Wolves at the Door

Watkins, Steve

August 1944, Asta, her sister Pieta, & their mother are caught between the invading Soviet Army & the retreating Wehrmacht in East Prussia & are forced to try & survive in the Romincka Forest with winter coming.

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Rebellion 1776

Anderson, Laurie Halse

Set in 1776, 13-year-old Elsbeth struggles to find her missing father amidst the smallpox epidemic sweeping across Boston during the revolution.

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The Night War

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

During World War II, 12-year old Miriam secretly spirits other Jewish people out of Nazi-occupied France after being separated from her family & forced into hiding.

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Lion of the Sky

Hemnani, Ritu

In this historical novel-in-verse, 12-year-old Raj & his family are forced to flee their home after the British Partition of India. He must summon the courage to survive the brutal upheaval of both his country & his heart.

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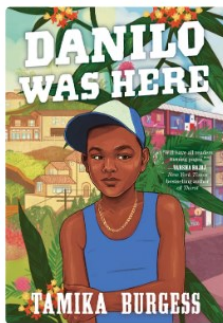


Green Promises: Girls Who Loved the Earth

Atkins, Jeannine

Meet three women who followed their love of the natural world & paved a path for women in science in this biographical novel written in verse.

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Danilo Was Here

Burgess, Tamika

Danilo's baseball talent allows him to train in the States & find his absentee father, who may be the key to saving the family he abandoned as they deal with the devastating effects of the US's military invasion of Panamá.

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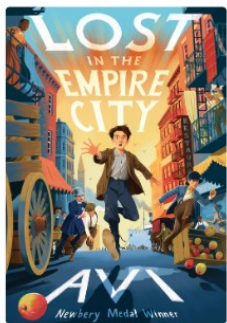


Lifeboat 5

Hood, Susan

British evacuees Bess & Beth spend 14 hours in the North Atlantic with their hands grasped across their overturned lifeboat after the Nazis torpedoed the SS City of Benares on route to Canada in 1940.

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Lost in the Empire City

Avi

Santo, a young immigrant from Italy, gets separated from his mother & siblings at Ellis Island and is left in Manhattan, knowing no English, to fend for himself, & he soon discovers that America is not what he envisioned.

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The Secret of Honeycake

Fusco, Kimberly Newton

In 1930, 11-year-old Hurricane struggles to adapt to life in the city after her mother's death & her sister's illness, but through new friendships & her love for writing, she learns to embrace change & find her voice.

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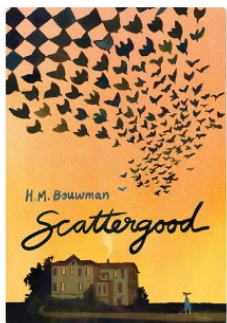


Eyes on the Sky

Kramer, J. Kasper

In 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, budding young scientist Dorothy begins to suspect something dangerous is out there when the FBI starts asking questions after her gigantic weather balloon is mistaken for a UFO.

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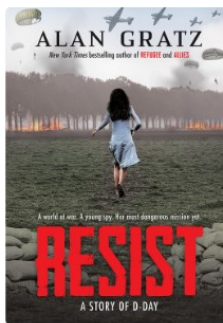


Scattergood

Bouwman, H. M.

In 1941 rural Iowa, 13-year-old Peggy's quiet life is turned upside down by refugee arrivals, first love, & a heartbreaking diagnosis

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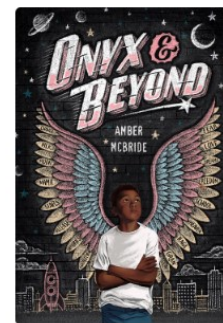


Resist: A Story of D-Day

Gratz, Alan

When French-Algerian Samira's mother is arrested by the Nazis, Samira must go on a journey through Nazi-occupied France to save her before it is too late... on the same day as D-Day.

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Onyx & Beyond

McBride, Amber

During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, Onyx, a boy dealing with his mother's descent into early-onset dementia, looks to fulfill his dream of becoming an astronaut.

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