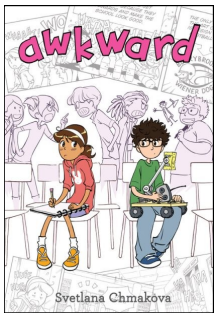
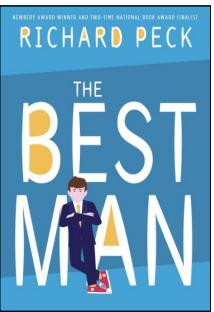


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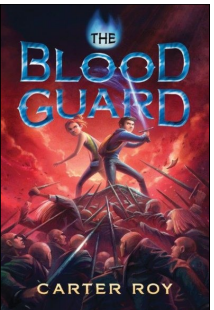
Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova

Right from the first day of middle school, Penelope wants to fit in so badly that she shuns Jaime, the school nerd. Things get awkward when Penelope's art club and Jaime's science club have to compete for school support.



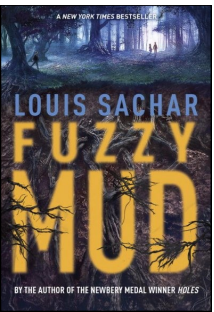
The Best Man by Richard Peck

Archer McGill has a pretty awesome family. His architect grandfather designed his school, his dad restores classic cars, and his Uncle Paul has a sweet job with connections to the Chicago Cubs. These three men help Archie navigate through some embarrassing and challenging experiences, but which one is the best?



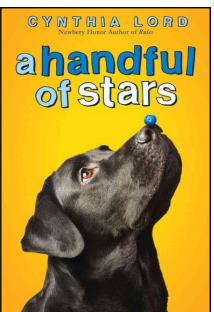
The Blood Guard by Carter Roy

Ronan just thought his mom was overscheduling him, signing him up for every possible activity. Then came the day that his dad disappeared and he and his mom are being chased by people who want to capture them. Hopefully he has learned enough skills to survive!



Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Marshall and Tamaya take a shortcut through the woods and encounter a mysterious, bubbling puddle which could put them in more danger than the bully they were trying to avoid.

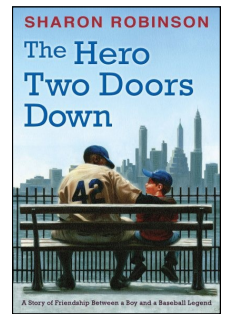


A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord

Lily would do anything to raise money for surgery for her old, blind dog, including entering a beauty contest. But when a beautiful, itinerant worker wants to enter too, the girls learn about prejudice and the difficulties of lives of temporary workers.

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

It all started with a rumor (someone farted in the cafeteria) and twins Claudia and Reese were at war. Through text messages, interviews, photos, and screenshots, the series of events in the battle are retold. The pranks are all fun and games until they have to deal with the consequences of their actions.



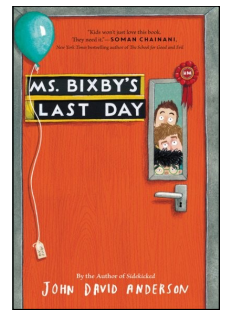
Loot: How to Steal a Fortune by Jude Watson

One night a man falls from a rooftop to the pavement below. It's infamous cat burglar Alfie McQuinn, and with his last breath utters the words, "find jewels" to his young son March. March sets out to find the jewels and live the life of riches and freedom most kids only dream about.



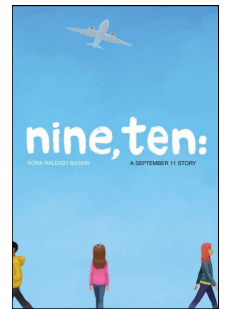
Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson

Have you ever had a teacher who moved you to make sacrifices you wouldn't normally make? Meet Ms. Bixby - an amazing teacher who has this kind of impact on her students. A trio of boys embark on a quest to make sure that their teacher knows how special she is.



Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin

On September 9, 2001, we meet four kids from different parts of the country who cross paths for an instant. They have no idea that two days later their lives will change forever.



Seven Dead Pirates by Linda Bailey

As Lewis's family moves into his great-grandfather's seaside mansion, he realizes he has a problem. Seven problems, actually. Seven dead pirates are living in his bedroom! This rowdy but funny crew is relying on shy Lewis to get them back where they belong. Can he conquer his fears and help them out.

