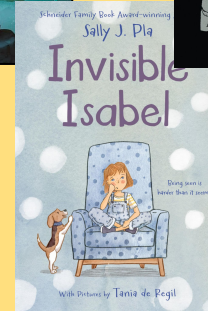
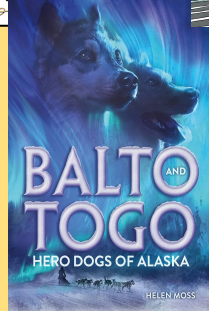
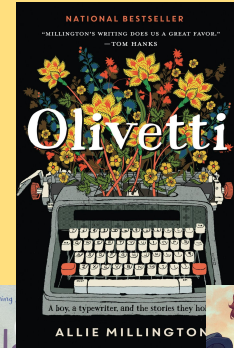
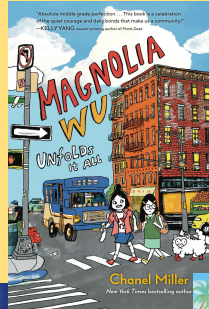




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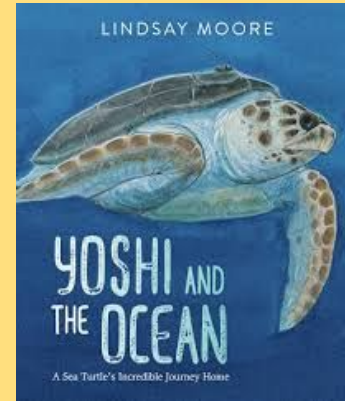
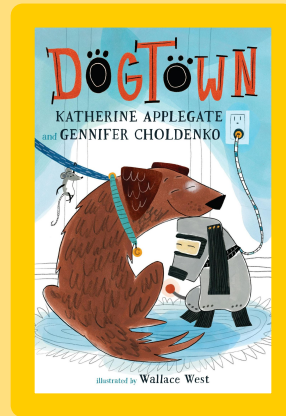




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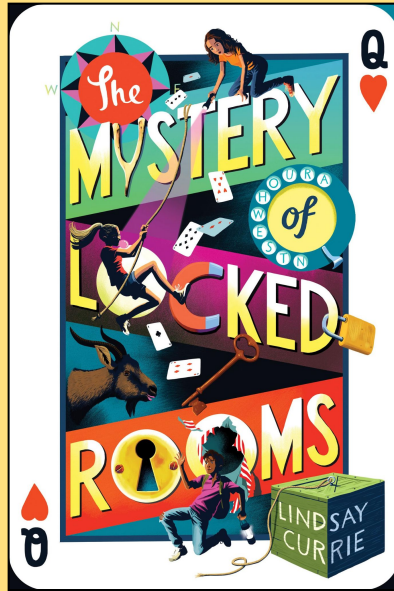
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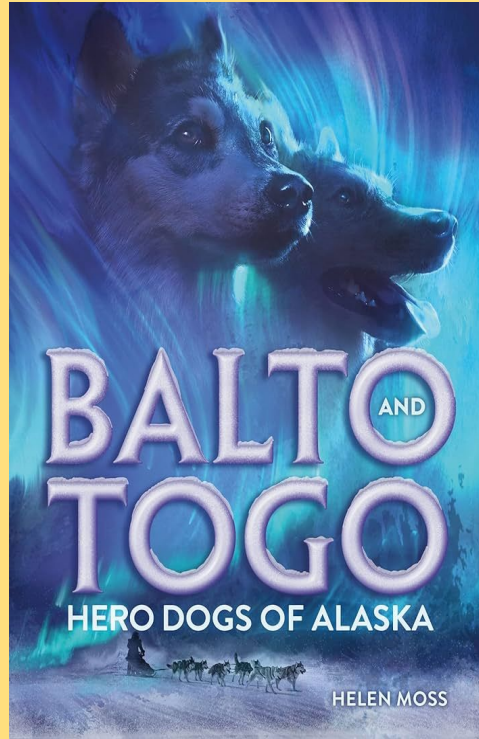


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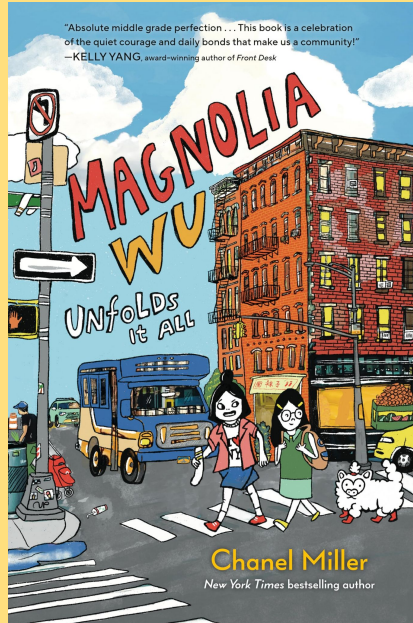
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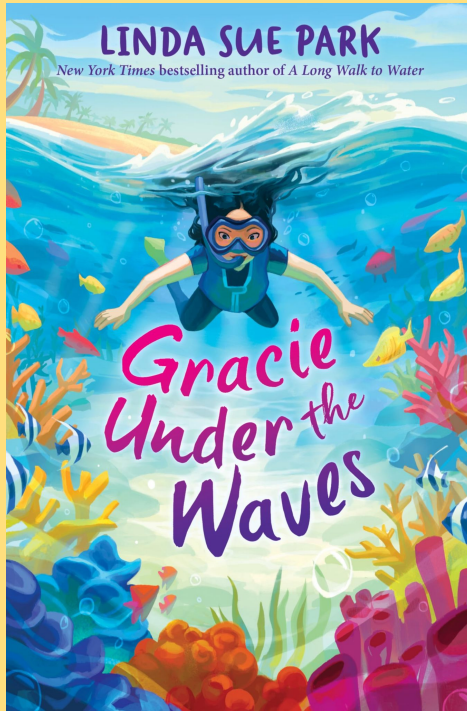
Twelve-year-old Sarah Greene wants nothing more from her seventh-grade year than to beat the hardest escape room left in her town with her best friends, West, and Hannah. But when a foreclosure notice shows up on Sarah's front door, everything changes. Since her father became ill two years ago, things have been bad, but not lose your house bad . . . until now. Sarah feels helpless until the day Hannah mentions a treasure rumored to be hidden in the walls of an abandoned funhouse



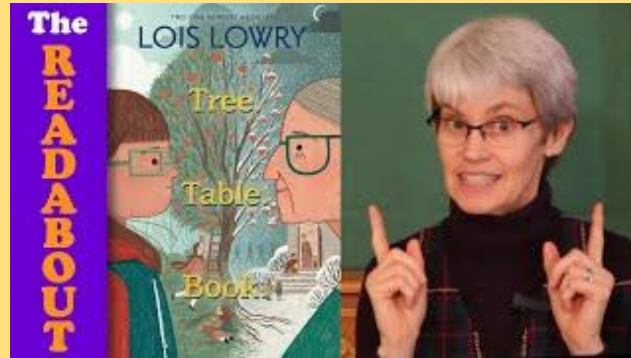
In the winter of 1924, two sled dogs, Togo and Balto, race against time to deliver a diphtheria antitoxin to Nome, Alaska, and stop the deadly illness from spreading.



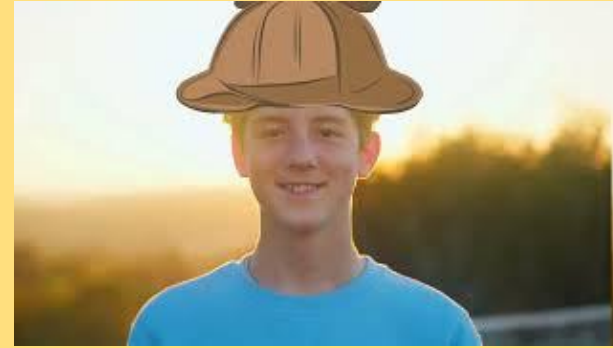
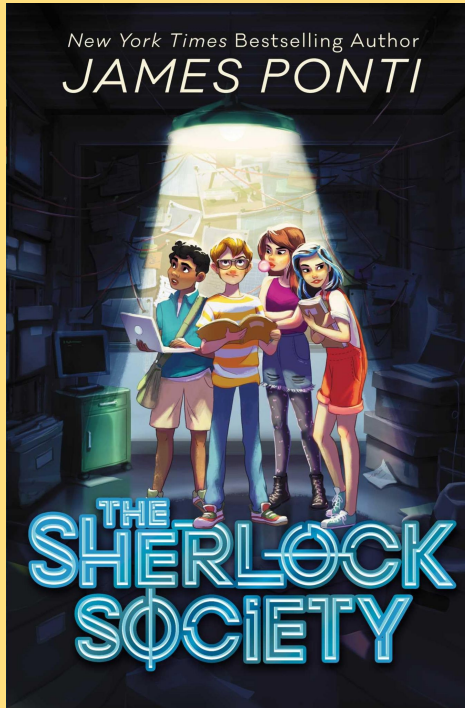
A self-proclaimed sock detective inside her parents' New York City laundromat, 10-year-old Magnolia Wu and Iris, a new friend from California, set off across the city to solve the mystery of each missing sock, meeting people and uncovering the unimaginable along the way



Gracie loves snorkeling! She loves it so much, she convinces her parents to let her plan a family vacation to Roatan, Honduras, where they can all snorkel together. She even makes a new friend there. Now, if only her irritating little brother would leave her alone, everything would be perfect. Then Gracie hurts her leg, and all her carefully made plans start to come apart.



Eleven-year-old Sophia endeavors to prevent her increasingly forgetful eighty-eight-year-old neighbor and best friend Sophie from entering assisted living, and in the process, uncovers unexpected stories of war, loss, and hope.



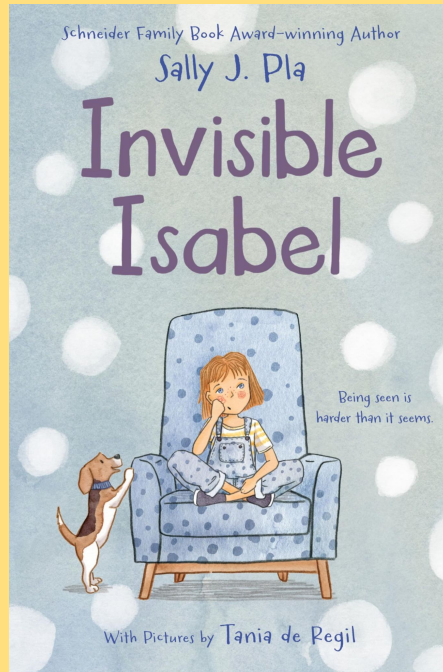
Twelve-year-old Alex Sherlock, his thirteen-year-old sister Zoe, and their friends Lina and Yadi decide to spend their summer in Miami investigating the many "cold cases" their grandfather accumulated during his years as a reporter--first up, Al Capone and a buried treasure.



During spring break of sixth grade, Rami feels isolated and unseen: his once-close friends have rejected him, and he wonders more and more about the father who abandoned him when he was two. Meanwhile, his mother's workplace, an art museum, has been rocked by the sudden, unexplained theft of a painting. Determined to solve the mystery and prove his worth, Rami finds himself face-to-face with what seems to be the ghost of a young girl who has forgotten her own identity.

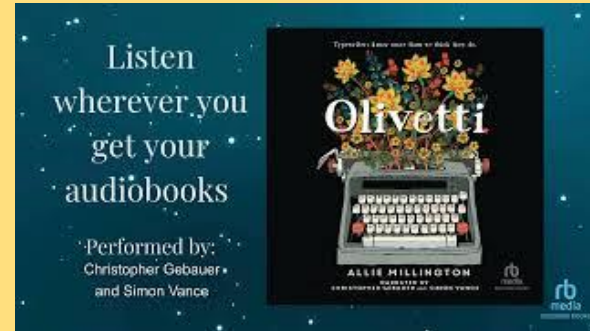


To find his way back home to his family in Germany during WWII, Max Bretzfeld, with a kobold named Berg on one shoulder and a dybbuk named Stein on the other, sets out to do the impossible--become a British spy.



When Isabel begins
to feel sick.
Everyone brushes
off her concerns
and thinks she's
just being dramatic
and just too
focused on all the
things that worry
her. But this time is
different!

Isabel Beane is a shy girl who lives in a home full of havoc and hubbub and hullabaloo. With five siblings, there is always too much too much-ness. At school, there's a new girl who is immediately popular, but she's also not very nice to one person--Isabel. Her fears feel like worry-moths that flutter in her belly. With every passing day, they seem to get stronger and stronger. How can Invisible Isabel make people listen?



Witty typewriter Olivetti and twelve-year-old introvert Ernest embark on a mission to find Ernest's missing mother that takes them across San Francisco.



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