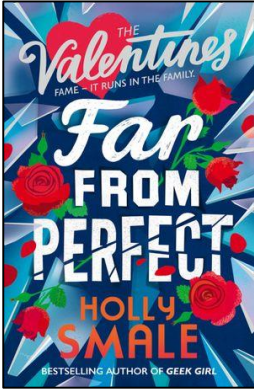


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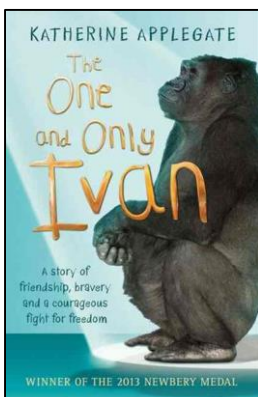
The Valentines: Far from Perfect by Holly Smale
9780008254179 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

Faith Valentine has it all — fame, money and extraordinary beauty. But what she wants more than anything is a quiet life away from the cameras. Except nobody ever asks Faith what she wants, and her family's expectations are crushing her. The world thinks she's perfect, but is there is more to perfection than meets the eye? The second sensational book in the Valentines series — a hilarious and heart-aching story about the impossible standards for being a girl.



The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer
9780008324858 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

A week after their eleventh birthday the twins are left in the care of house security system, NANNI, for a single night. In that time, they befriend a troll on the run from a nefarious nobleman and an interrogating nun both of whom need the magical creature for their own gain. Prepare for an epic adventure in which *The Fowl Twins* and their new troll friend escape, get shot at, kidnapped, buried, arrested, threatened, killed (temporarily) and discover that the strongest bond in the world is not the one forged by covalent electrons in adjacent atoms, but the one that exists between a pair of twins.



The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
9780008408367 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

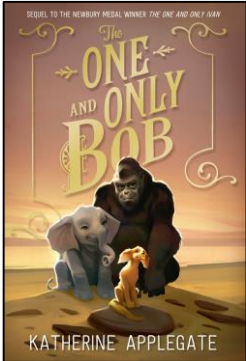
Inspired by a true story, this is the beautifully written tale of how a mighty gorilla wins his freedom. A winning blend of humour and poignancy that will appeal to fans of Michael Morpurgo. Ivan is an easy-going gorilla who has spent his life performing for the crowds at the Exit 8 shopping mall. He rarely misses life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly thinks about it at all. But everything changes when a baby elephant called Ruby arrives and Ivan realises he must find a new life for them both.

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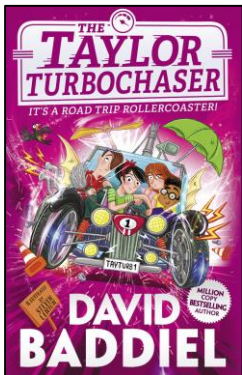
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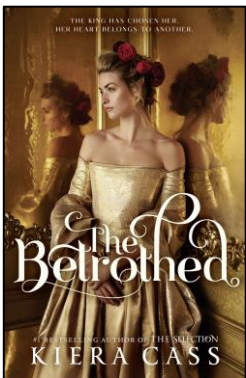
The One and Only Bob by Kate Applegate
9780008390662 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Bob sets out on a dangerous journey in search of his long-lost sister with the help of his two best friends, Ivan and Ruby. As a hurricane approaches and time is running out, Bob finds courage he never knew he had and learns the true meaning of friendship and family. Bob, Ivan and Ruby have touched the hearts of millions of readers, and their story isn't over yet.



The Taylor TurboChaser by David Baddiel
9780008365387 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

At its heart is the unforgettable Amy Taylor. Amy loves cars, and dreams of being a driver. But there's a major catch: her slow old wheelchair with its broken wheel. When Amy finally gets a new electric one, it's exciting... at first. But standard engines only have so much power. And that's where Rahul comes in — Amy's best friend and genius inventor. Soon Rahul turns a wheelchair into a supercar! And so the *Taylor TurboChaser* is born. But when it all goes suddenly wrong Amy is going to have to hit the road — and drive!



The Betrothed by Kiera Cass
9780008158828 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

When King Jameson declares his love for Lady Hollis Brite, Hollis is thrilled. After all, she's grown up at Keresken Castle, vying for the king's attention alongside other daughters of the nobility. Capturing his heart is a dream come true. But Hollis soon realizes that falling in love with a king and becoming queen may not be the happily ever after she thought it would be. And when she meets a commoner with the mysterious power to see right into her heart, she finds that the future she really wants is one that she never thought to imagine.

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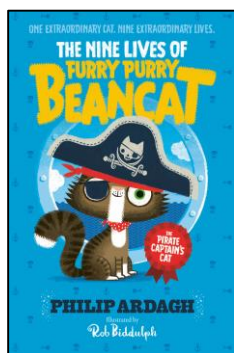
The Time Travel Diaries: Adventure in Athens by Caroline Lawrence
9781848128477 / Hot Key / PB / R170

Alex and his friend Dinu vowed never to time-travel again... But now it's summer and Alex and Dinu have been offered a luxury summer holiday in Athens. After a rooftop banquet the evening they arrive, everyone gets food poisoning and is told not to eat for 48 hours. When Alex and Dinu feel better, they decide to stretch their legs. But the moment they step out of the hotel, their limo pulls up with their dangerous mentor Solomon Daisy who now has a new mission for them. He wants them to go back to the 'Golden Age of Athens' — to a time when Socrates was alive and when Athens was at peace with Sparta.



Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly
9781848129221 / Hot Key / PB / R170

In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kindhearted and feels out of place in his loud family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister Gen is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just act normal so that he can concentrate on basketball. They aren't friends — at least not until Chet pulls a prank that traps Virgil and his pet guinea pig at the bottom of a well. This disaster leads Kaori, Gen, and Valencia on an epic quest to find the missing Virgil. Is it a coincidence that their lives collide? Or are some things just meant to be?



The Nine Lives of Furry Purry Beancat by Philip Ardagh
9781471184017 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R180

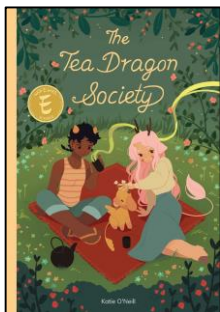
Just like every other cat, Furry Purry Beancat loves a catnap. But unlike every other cat, when Furry Purry Beancat wakes up she finds herself in a whole new place and about to embark on an exciting adventure! In this first book, Furry Purry Beancat is sailing the high seas as a pirate captain's cat! When a rival pirate crew invades her captain's ship, Furry Purry Beancat must leap into action to help her captain and his shipmates defeat the enemy pirates in an epic sea battle. But will she be able to save the day?

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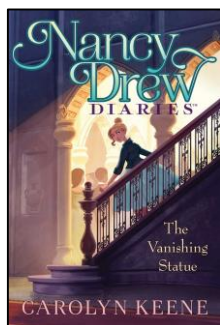
The Red Scrolls of Magic by Cassandra Clare
9781471195112 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

All Magnus Bane wanted was a vacation — a lavish trip across Europe with Alec Lightwood, the Shadowhunter who against all odds is finally his boyfriend. But as soon as the pair settles in Paris, an old friend arrives with news about a demon-worshipping cult called the Crimson Hand that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that was apparently founded by Magnus himself. Years ago. As a joke. Now Magnus and Alec must race across Europe to track down the Crimson Hand and its elusive new leader before the cult can cause any more damage. As if it wasn't bad enough that their romantic getaway has been sidetracked, demons are now dogging their every step, and it is becoming harder to tell friend from foe. As their quest for answers becomes increasingly dire, Magnus and Alec will have to trust each other more than ever — even if it means revealing the secrets they've both been keeping.



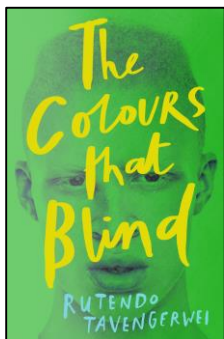
The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill
9781620107379 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R240

The Tea Dragon Society is the two-time Eisner Award-winning gentle fantasy that follows the story of a blacksmith apprentice, and the people she meets as she becomes entwined in the enchanting world of tea dragons.



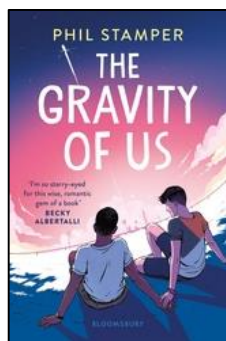
Nancy Drew Diaries: The Vanishing Statue by Carolyn Keene
9781534421783 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R170

Nancy is beyond excited when she receives an invitation to an elite celebration of the arts hosted by the Duchess Strickland, a woman once renowned for her collection who hasn't been seen in years. With Bess and George at her side, Nancy's certain it will be an evening she'll never forget. Then just days before the party, a priceless sculpture is stolen! Still, the Duchess vows the party will go on as planned—and Nancy is determined to use the opportunity to sniff out the thief. But on the big night, as creatives, collectors, and connoisseurs—all with their own motives—converge, it quickly becomes clear that crime, like art, is all about the illusion, and a stolen statue may be the least of Nancy's troubles.



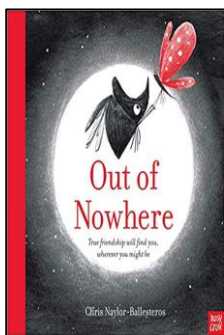
The Colours that Blind by Rutendo Tavengerwei
9781471408182 / Hot Key / PB / R190

Fourteen-year-old Tumirai lives with his protective big brother, Mkoma in Harare, Zimbabwe. He's the first kid with albinism ever to have attended his school and constantly feels like an outsider. When his brother is invited to go travelling for work, Tumirai goes to stay with their grandmother, Ambuya Thandie. She is scarred, in more ways than one, but her memory is a treasure trove — and her stories of Zimbabwe's war for independence are a long, long way from the history Tumirai has heard before.



The Gravity of Us by Phil Stamper
9781526619945 / Bloomsbury / PB / R205

Cal wants to be a journalist, and he's already well underway with almost half a million followers on his FlashFame app and an upcoming internship at BuzzFeed. But his plans are derailed when his pilot father is selected for a highly-publicized NASA mission to Mars. Within days, Cal and his parents leave Brooklyn for hot and humid Houston. With the entire nation desperate for any new information about the astronauts, Cal finds himself thrust in the middle of a media circus. Suddenly his life is more like a reality TV show, with his constantly bickering parents struggling with their roles as the "perfect American family." And then Cal meets Leon, and he finds himself falling head over heels — and fast. They become an oasis for each other amid the craziness of this whole experience. As their relationship grows, so does the frenzy surrounding the Mars mission, and when secrets are revealed about ulterior motives of the program, Cal must find a way to get to the truth without hurting the people who have become most important to him.



Out of Nowhere by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
9781788008396 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

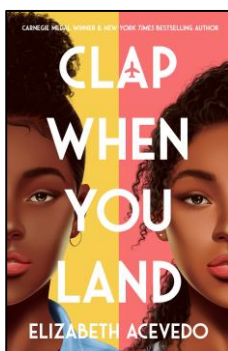
Beetle and Caterpillar are best friends. Every day, they sit together on a big rock, sharing a picnic and looking out over the forest. But one day, Caterpillar goes missing and, try as he might, Beetle cannot find her. Just as he is about to give up hope, a very friendly (and rather familiar) butterfly appears out of nowhere. Can it be his friend? She might look different, but she is still just the same and they are together again, at last.

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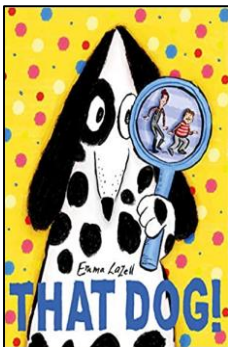
Another Twist in the Tale by Catherine Bruton
9781788005999 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

You have heard, no doubt, the tale of Master Oliver Twist — that rags-to-riches boy; the parish orphan who became heir to the Brownlow fortune. But what few know is that there was a second Twist — a girl, brought into this world moments ahead of her brother. This is the story of Twill Twist, and her journey through the gambling dens and workhouses of London, as she attempts to make a life for herself, rescue her friends, and uncover the mystery of her past — while meeting some familiar faces along the way.



Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
9781471409127 / Hot Key / PB / R190

Camino Rios lives for the summers when her father visits her in the Dominican Republic. But this time, on the day when his plane is supposed to land, Camino arrives at the airport to see crowds of crying people. In New York City, Yahaira Rios is called to the principal's office, where her mother is waiting to tell her that her father, her hero, has died in a plane crash. Separated by distance — and Papi's secrets — the two girls are forced to face a new reality in which their father is dead and their lives are forever altered. And then, when it seems like they've lost everything of their father, they learn of each other. In a dual narrative novel in verse that brims with both grief and love, award-winning and bestselling author Elizabeth Acevedo writes about the devastation of loss, the difficulty of forgiveness, and the bittersweet bonds that shape our lives.



That Dog! by Emma Lazell
9781843654520 / Pavilion / PB / R170

There's a team of dognappers on the loose. They've stolen lots of pooches, but this time they're up against a very clever dog. The cunning Penelope Dognapper is keen to get her hands on the latest rare breed, the lesser spotted woofers. Her big mistake is sending Patrick, her accomplice, to do the job. He has great difficulty identifying the right dog — that dog! — and in a house that also contains a snake, rabbit and characterful cat, you can imagine the chaos that ensues as he tries to steal the dog. That dog is a very smart one. He's quick, clever and a bit of a detective in his spare time and he might just have worked out who's behind the dastardly crimes. Will he avoid getting caught himself and rescue his fellow creatures?



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