



WINTER '14-'15 Top Ten Kids' Next



All the Bright Places

by Jennifer Niven

"Finch and Violet's lives intersect by chance when they find themselves on a bell tower, each contemplating jumping. For Finch, planning how he will kill himself is almost a hobby. For Violet, months of silent pain and guilt following her sister's death have left her hopeless. As the two are placed together for a school assignment, who is saving whom becomes increasingly unclear. Niven chronicles the effects of depression with frank honesty, shedding light on an often misunderstood illness. Keep tissues handy, as this novel is painfully real."

—Sara Grochowski, Brilliant Books, Traverse City, MI

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The Darkest Part of the Forest

by Holly Black

"Hazel and Ben live in Fairfold, a town where humans live knowing that faeries exist in their own back yard—in the forest where a horned boy has rested in a glass casket for as long as anyone can remember. When the casket is broken and the boy is released, Hazel learns something about herself that changes everything and leaves the fate of the town in her hands. With a strong yet relatable heroine and complex supporting characters, this romantic, moss-covered journey into a world of magic and deceit will have readers enthralled."

—Paige Mushaw, Northshire Bookstore, Manchester Center, VT

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The Bear Ate Your Sandwich

by Julia Sarcone-Roach

"Or did he? To get there, the bear had to find his way from the woods to the city and then to the park. Of course, this adventure made him very hungry and the sandwich just happened to be there for the taking. Readers find out what really happened in the surprise ending to this delectable journey. The detailed illustrations are whimsical, witty, and full of lush colors. What fun!"

—Alice Meyer, Beaverdale Books, Des Moines, IA

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The Terrible Two

by Mac Barnett and Jory John, Kevin Cornell (illus.)

"Miles was the prank champion of his old school, but when he gets to the Yawnee Valley Science and Letters Academy he discovers that he's not the champion he thought he was. Outfoxed and outpranked, Miles joins forces with the school goody-two-shoes to create the Terrible Two with hilarious results. To add to the mayhem, scattered throughout the book are clever drawings—and cow facts!—by Cornell. It's enough to make even the most reluctant of readers guffaw!"

—Melissa Fox, Watermark Books and Café, Wichita, KS

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Goodnight Already!

by Jory John, Benji Davies (illus.)

"Poor Bear! He just wants to sleep but Duck, his pesky and persistent neighbor, is wide awake and wants to play. Children and adults will both delight in John's hysterical picture book that is sure to become a bedtime classic. Davies' brilliant illustrations add to the hilarity of *Goodnight Already!*"

—Caitlin Luce Baker, University Book Store, Seattle, WA



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Mortal Heart

His Fair Assassin, Book 3, by Robin LaFever

"Big questions of faith, trust, and belonging surface in this story, but there is still plenty of action and political intrigue to bring LaFever's powerful trilogy to a satisfying conclusion. Each of the three books is told from the perspective of a different character with a different take on their shared background, which keeps the story fresh and interesting."

—Emily Adams, Third Place Books, Lake Forest Park, WA



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A Bed for Bear

by Clive McFarland

"After concluding that his cave is too noisy, too big, and too crowded, Bernard the bear is on a search for the perfect bed. But every bed he encounters is perfect for its own inhabitant and not perfect for a bear. Bernard may find that his perfect bed is a little closer to home. With collages reminiscent of the work of Eric Carle and a lovely storyline, *A Bed for Bear* is sure to delight."

—Tia Heywood, The Babbling Book, Haines, AK



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Absolutely Truly

A Pumpkin Falls Mystery, by Heather Vogel Frederick

"Truly Lovejoy must deal with being six feet tall at 12 years old, having a father who is adjusting to civilian life after a military tour and losing an arm, and working with her family to save her grandparents' bookstore—not to mention also trying to solve a 10-year-old mystery! Truly is an immediately endearing character, and *Absolutely Truly* is the wonderful debut of a new mystery series that will send readers scurrying to their favorite chair after visiting their local bookstore. I can't wait for Truly's next mystery!"

—Rebecca Waesch, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH



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The War That Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

"War usually tears families apart and causes heartache, but for Ada, World War II saved her life. Born with a club foot, Ada suffered abuse and ridicule. When she and her brother were sent to the countryside to wait out the war, Ada had to learn to deal with her new life, including how to receive unconditional love. Ada's story is a moving and poignant tale of acceptance and how change can be rewarding."

—Kathy Taber, Kids Ink, Indianapolis, IN



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Mr. Squirrel and the Moon

by Sebastian Meschenmoser

"*Mr. Squirrel and the Moon* is a wonderful, not-to-be-missed book. The interplay between the art and the story is spot-on and full of whimsy. Mr. Squirrel is convinced that the moon has fallen into his tree and others will think that he has stolen it. What comes next is a hilarious attempt to get the moon back in the sky before anyone notices. This delightful tale must be read and shared with a reading companion. Do not keep this book to yourself!"

—Liesl Freudenstein, Boulder Book Store, Boulder, CO



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