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The Sun Is Also a Star

By Nicola Yoon

"Natasha and her family are 12 hours from being deported to Jamaica after living undocumented in New York City for most of her life and she's desperate to stop the proceedings. Daniel, living in the shadow of his older brother, is about to have the most important interview of his life. Neither Natasha nor Daniel expect to meet someone new on this very important day, and they definitely don't expect to fall in love. With the story told from alternating perspectives, readers will be hooked from the start, desperate to know what happens to Natasha and Daniel. An extraordinary story of love at a most inconvenient, yet perfect time."

—Amanda Snow, Hooray for Books!, Alexandria, VA

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Heartless

By Marissa Meyer

"Whimsical and wonderful, *Heartless* captures the unique spirit of Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* as Meyer crafts an exciting backstory for the infamous Queen of Hearts. Although Catherine dreams of being an ordinary girl and an extraordinary baker, her future seems to lead only to marriage to the King of Hearts. Defying her parents' expectations, the King's affections, and the madness of destiny itself, Catherine follows her heart into the arms of a mysterious stranger and finds herself at the forefront of a battle to save her kingdom from destruction. With a romance to make readers swoon and enough adventure to keep them reading long into the night, *Heartless* is a fantasy not to be missed."

—Nancy Merritt, Quail Ridge Books & Music, Raleigh, NC

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Short

By Holly Goldberg Sloan

"Julia, unusually short for her age, is pressed by her mother to audition for a summer production of *The Wizard of Oz*, and her heartwarming adventure begins when she is cast as a Munchkin. Theater fans will love the behind-the-curtain look at a stage production: the costumes, the music, and even a bit of backstage drama! Sloan offers wonderfully unique and memorable characters to support Julia throughout rehearsals and the play's entire run. By saying 'yes' to opportunity, this spunky star experiences a magical summer that she—and readers—will never forget. Brimming with wisdom and humor, *Short* is a joyful and affirming story of self-acceptance."

—Christopher Rose, The Spirit of '76 Bookstore, Marblehead, MA

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The Edge of Everything

By Jeff Giles

"*The Edge of Everything* has everything I look for in a great Young Adult book: a fully presented alternate world that is perfectly meshed with our own, romance, tragedy, and enough humor to keep it all balanced. Zoe's family has been through a year of tragedy that is only compounded when Zoe and her younger brother are caught in a blizzard and have a run-in with the person who murdered their neighbors. They are saved by a man called X, a bounty hunter from the Lowlands – a form of hell. X and Zoe's family become irretrievably intertwined, and their adventures offer a fantastic tale that will leave readers hoping this is just the first book in a series."

—Carrie Deming, The Dog Eared Book, Palmyra, NY

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That's Me Loving You

By Amy Krouse Rosenthal, Teagan White (Illus.)

"In a simple poem offering the reassurance of continued love despite distance, Rosenthal gives readers a beautiful gift, and White's illustrations are wonderfully inclusive. As someone with beloved little family members far away, this book really strikes a chord! I love the portrayal of everyday experiences that can remind us of each other when we're apart."

—Tegan Tigani, Queen Anne Book Company, Seattle, WA



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History Is All You Left Me

By Adam Silvera

"When Theo is ripped from Griffin's life in a freak accident, the emptiness left behind sends Griffin into a downward emotional spiral. Griffin always believed that even though they broke up when Theo left for college, they would someday end up together. How can you exist when your entire world washes away beneath you? Silvera's book is an unapologetically honest and heart-wrenchingly beautiful story about first love and loss and the cathartic process of diving headfirst into one's grief to come out a better person on the other side. An absolutely stunning novel."

—Angelo Santini, McLean & Eakin Booksellers, Petoskey, MI



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The Ethan I Was Before

By Ali Standish

"When tragedy strikes Ethan's best friend, Ethan's family is left trying to help him pick up the pieces. His parents decide that they need to start over and move in with a grandfather that Ethan has never known. Ethan must negotiate a new world, new friendships, and new family members, all while trying to put the past behind him and learning how to forgive not only his family, but also himself. Half *To Kill a Mockingbird*, half *Bridge to Terabithia*, and all heart, *The Ethan I Was Before* will affect readers in a very special and lasting way."

—Katherine Megna-Weber, Books Inc., San Francisco, CA



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A Greyhound, A Groundhog

By Emily Jenkins, Chris Appelhans (Illus.)

"With a nod to Ruth Krauss' playful use of language, Jenkins' text in this delightful whirl of a book rhythmically spins round, tying the reader's tongue as it bounces along without ever becoming tiresome or repetitive. Appelhans' spare watercolor illustrations complement the prose perfectly—his greyhound and groundhog are joyously expressive, full of movement and unbound by gravity. As the rhyme becomes more and more frenzied, the illustrations gradually reveal more colors, going from the 'grey dog' and 'brown hog' to a riot of purples, pinks, yellows, and more. *A Greyhound, A Groundhog* is a clever exploration of language that encourages play and silliness in its readers. Sure to be a storytime hit!"

—Hannah DeCamp, Avid Bookshop, Athens, GA



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The Diabolic

By S.J. Kincaid

"*Interstellar* meets *The Hunger Games* meets *The Terminator* in *The Diabolic*, a fast-paced thrill ride of a novel with twists unlike any other. Nemesis is a Diabolic, a humanoid creature engineered to have one purpose in life: to defend Sidonia, the kind-hearted daughter of a powerful but heretical senator. When the power-crazed emperor calls Sidonia to court to punish her father, Nemesis goes in her place and finds herself in the most worrisome of predicaments – not only is her life (and Sidonia's) in danger, but she is also beginning to exhibit the most terrifying of human conditions – emotions—for which she has never been programmed. An exciting and addictive read!"

—Kelly Morton, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Cincinnati, OH

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Trouble Makes a Comeback

By Stephanie Tromly

"Digby and Zoe are back and in more trouble than ever in this sequel to *Trouble Is a Friend of Mine*. Zoe is confused and hurt after not hearing from Digby for months, but she moves on to a new group of friends, a new job, and even a new boyfriend. When Digby comes back to town with a convoluted—and highly dangerous—plan to find his sister, he immediately turns Zoe's new life upside down. Struggling to balance her new priorities, Zoe has to decide: if the trouble Digby's return brings is worth it. With high-stakes action and witty dialogue, this book is sure to delight anyone who loved the first book as well as those who are new to Digby and Zoe."

—Sami Thomason, Square Books, Oxford, MS

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