The Okay Witch
Written & illustrated by Emma Steinkellner

The Okay Witch is the story of Moth Hush, thirteen-year-old “weirdo” until Halloween, when she discovers she is a witch. Her mother reveals the sordid history the town of Founder’s Bluff has with her family and the witches of America, but refuses to teach Moth anything about magic. With the help of a talking cat, a magic diary, and a hidden world of witches, Moth attempts to balance being a witch and being a normal teen, but that gets harder when she suspects the witch hunters of her town’s past might still be lurking. Hilarious and reminiscent of Sabrina the Teenage Witch, Emma Steinkellner’s debut graphic novel is a delightful read with expressive characters and a great story. I can’t wait to find out what’s next for Moth.
Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao
By Kat Zhang
Illustrated by Charlene Chua
Meet the funny, fierce, and fearless Amy Wu, who is determined to make a perfect bao bun today. Can she rise to the occasion?

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Arrivederci, Crocodile
By Fred Marcellino
Illustrated by Fred Marcellino & Eric Puybaret
Can a hungry crocodile trick—and eat!—his way through Italian high society? Crocodile is heading to Italy in this long-awaited sequel to Fred Marcellino's award-winning I, Crocodile.

The Book Rescuer
How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come
By Sue Macy
Illustrated by Stacy Innerst
From New York Times Best Illustrated Book artist Stacy Innerst and author Sue Macy comes a story of one man’s heroic effort to save the world’s Yiddish books, celebrating the power of an individual to preserve history and culture while exploring timely themes of identity and immigration.

The Bravest Man in the World
Written & illustrated by Patricia Polacco
From master storyteller Patricia Polacco comes the tragic and beautiful story inspired by Wallace Hartley—the musician who played with his band to calm the passengers of the Titanic as the ship sank.

Counting the Stars
By Lesa Cline-Ransome
Illustrated by Raúl Colón
From award-winning author Lesa Cline-Ransome and acclaimed illustrator Raúl Colón comes the sensitive, informative, and inspiring picture book biography of the remarkable mathematician Katherine Johnson, one of the NASA “human computers” whose work was critical to the first US space launch.

Dancing Hands
How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln
By Margarita Engle
Illustrated by Rafael López
In soaring words and stunning illustrations, Margarita Engle and Rafael López tell the story of Teresa Carreño, a child prodigy who performed in grand cathedrals. Then a revolution in Venezuela forced her family to flee to the United States, where she played the piano for Abraham Lincoln and tried to reconcile her longing for her homeland and the tragedies of the Civil War with music.

Firefighters’ Handbook
Written & illustrated by Meghan McCarthy
From award-winning author-illustrator Meghan McCarthy comes an entertaining picture book that explores the training and day-to-day life of being a firefighter as they put out fires and save lives.

Fly!
Written & illustrated by Mark Teague
Mama bird thinks it’s time for Baby bird’s first flight, but Baby bird has other ideas in this humorous wordless picture book from New York Times bestselling author-illustrator Mark Teague.

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Max & Ruby and Twin Trouble
Written & illustrated by Rosemary Wells
From beloved author-illustrator Rosemary Wells comes a brand-new story about the inimitable brother and sister Max and Ruby. Max and Ruby’s family is expanding and soon enough nobody will be getting any sleep!

Muslim Girls Rise
By Saira Mir
Illustrated by Aaliya Jaleel
Little Leaders meets Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls in this gorgeous nonfiction picture book that introduces readers to nineteen powerhouse Muslim women who rose up and made their voices heard.
Oil
By Jonah Winter
Illustrated by Jeanette Winter
Mother-son team Jonah Winter and Jeanette Winter tell the story of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and its devastating and lingering effects in this poetic and timely picture book.

Pluto Gets the Call
By Adam Rex
Illustrated by Laurie Keller
Pluto gets a call from Earth telling him he isn’t a planet anymore, so he sets out on a journey through the solar system to introduce the other planets and commiserate about his situation in this funny and fact-filled romp that’s perfect for creators-in-training!

Parker Looks Up
By Parker Curry & Jessica Curry
Illustrated by Brittany Jackson
A visit to Washington, DC’s National Portrait Gallery forever alters Parker Curry’s young life when she views First Lady’s Michelle Obama’s portrait. An everyday moment became an extraordinary one that continues to resonate its power, inspiration, and indelible impact.

Red Sled
Written & Illustrated by Lita Judge
In this almost wordless story, a host of woodland creatures take a child’s sled for a nighttime joy ride, which is gorgeously depicted in bold watercolor, complemented by humorous expressions and pitch-perfect sound effects.

The Presidents
Written & illustrated by Leah Tinari
Acclaimed artist and author of Limitless Leah Tinari offers a spectacular collection of portraits that celebrate the iconic and inspirational presidents of the United States.

One More Hug
By Megan Alexander
Illustrated by Hiroe Nakata
From Inside Edition’s national correspondent Megan Alexander comes a heartwarming picture book in the tradition of The Wonderful Things You Will Be that shows us there’s always time for one more hug as a young boy starts his day and his journey through life.

Roly Poly
By Mem Fox
Illustrated by Jane Dyer, with photographs by Jeanne Birdsall
Roly Poly the polar bear gets a little brother he did not ask for, in this charming story about sibling rivalry and the bonds of family from the beloved picture book creators of Time for Bed, Mem Fox and Jane Dyer.

Spencer’s New Pet
Written & illustrated by Jessie Sima
From the creator of Not Quite Narwhal comes a classic tale of a boy and his dog—except in this unique story, one of them is a balloon!

This Little Artist
By Joan Holub
Illustrated by Daniel Roode
This Little Artist joins This Little Trailblazer, This Little Scientist, This Little Explorer, and This Little President in the newest installment of the This Little series. Learn all about artists who changed history in this engaging and colorful board book perfect for creators-in-training!

Tiny Feet Between the Mountains
Written & illustrated by Hanna Cha
A young Korean girl must come up with a clever idea to help a spirit tiger who has swallowed the sun by mistake in this fun, charming début picture book from author-illustrator Hanna Cha.
What Miss Mitchell Saw
By Hayley Barrett
Illustrated by Diana Sudyka
Discover the amazing true story of Maria Mitchell, America’s first professional female astronomer. This moving picture book about a girl from humble beginnings who became a star in the field of astronomy is sure to inspire budding scientists everywhere.

What Riley Wore
By Elana K. Arnold
Illustrated by Linda Davick
Gender-creative Riley knows just what to wear for every occasion during a busy week with family and friends in this sweet and timely picture book from Elana K. Arnold and Linda Davick.

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Twenty Kids. Twenty points of view. One rambunctious, brilliantly conceived novel that corrals the seeming chaos into one effervescent story about the tales of a fifth grade class, including a teacher who could get into trouble for allowing a boy from a homeless shelter outside the school district to stay.

Dork Diaries 14
Tales from a Not-So-Best Friend Forever
Written & illustrated by Rachel Renée Russell
Nikki Maxwell’s summer is packed with drama in this fourteenth installment of the #1 New York Times bestselling Dork Diaries series!

The Distance Between Me and the Cherry Tree
By Paola Peretti
Translated by Denise Muir
Ten-year-old Mafalda hides the fact that she is going blind from her family and friends in this lyrical, bittersweet debut novel from Italian author Paola Peretti that shows you how to overcome the darkness—even when you can’t see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Fighting for the Forest
How FDR’s Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America
By P. O’Connell Pearson
In an inspiring middle grade nonfiction work, P. O’Connell Pearson tells the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps—one of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s New Deal projects that helped save a generation of Americans—through the CCC’s first project and the personal stories of the men who worked in Roosevelt’s Tree Army.

Look Both Ways
By Jason Reynolds
Illustrated by Alexander Nabaum
From National Book Award finalist and New York Times bestselling author Jason Reynolds comes a genre-defying new novel that serves as an homage to sharing the stories we all hold within ourselves.

Maybe He Just Likes You
By Barbara Dee
Barbara Dee explores the subject of #MeToo for the middle grade audience in this heart-wrenching—and ultimately uplifting—novel about experiencing harassment and unwanted attention from classmates.

More to the Story
By Hena Khan
From the critically acclaimed author of Amina’s Voice comes a modern retelling of Louisa May Alcott’s beloved classic, Little Women, featuring four sisters from a modern Pakistani American family living in Norcross, Georgia.

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**The Paris Project**  
By Donna Gephart  
Fans of the Nate series by Tim Federle and *The Fourteenth Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm will love Cleveland Rosebud Potts in this poignant and heartfelt novel from the award-winning author of *Lily and Dunkin*.

**The Story That Cannot Be Told**  
By J. Kasper Kramer  
A powerful middle grade debut that weaves together folklore and history to tell the story of a girl finding her voice and the strength to use it during the final months of the Communist regime in Romania in 1989.  
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**The Very, Very Far North**  
By Dan Bar-el  
Illustrated by Kelly Pousette  
An inquisitive polar bear named Duane befriends an array of animals as he discovers where he belongs in this charming classic--in-the making that’s reminiscent of Winnie the Pooh.

**Oh, Rats!**  
By Tor Seidler  
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When a hawk snatches up an adventurous squirrel named Phoenix, he’s ready to kiss his tail goodbye. But what should have been a death sentence becomes the beginning of a sweeping big-city adventure in this captivating novel by National Book Award--nominated author Tor Seidler.

**Make Trouble**  
Standing Up, Speaking Out, and Finding the Courage to Lead  
By Cecile Richards  
Adapted by Ruby Shamir with Lauren Peterson  
From former Planned Parenthood president and activist Cecile Richards comes the young readers edition of her *New York Times* bestselling memoir, which Hillary Rodham Clinton called an “inspiration for aspiring leaders everywhere.”

**What the Dog Knows**  
Scent, Science, and the Amazing Ways Dogs Perceive the World  
By Cat Warren  
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**To Dance**  
By Siena Cherson Siegel  
Illustrated by Mark Siegel  
Siena was six when she first dreamed of dance—and her dreams kept skipping and leaping, circling and spinning, from airy runs along a beach near her home in Puerto Rico, to dance class in Boston, to her debut performance on stage with the New York City Ballet.

**Becoming RBG**  
By Debbie Levy  
Illustrated by Whitney Gardner  
From the New York Times bestselling author of *I Dissent* comes a biographical graphic novel about celebrated Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.
The Lady Rogue
By Jenn Bennett
The Last Magician meets A Gentleman’s Guide to Vice and Virtue in this thrilling tale filled with magic and set in the mysterious Carpathian Mountains where a girl must hunt down Vlad the Impaler’s cursed ring in order to save her father.

Our Wayward Fate
By Gloria Chao
A teen outcast is simultaneously swept up in a whirlwind romance and down a rabbit hole of dark family secrets when another Taiwanese family moves to her small, predominantly white midwestern town in this remarkable new novel from the critically acclaimed author of American Panda.

SLAY
By Brittney Morris
Ready Player One meets The Hate U Give in this dynamite debut novel that follows a fierce teen game developer as she battles a real-life troll intent on ruining the Black Panther–inspired video game she created and the safe community it represents for black gamers.

Enough Is Enough: How Students Can Join the Fight for Gun Safety
By Michelle Roehm McCann
Foreward by Shannon Watts
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