This is such a special book and I’m SO excited for everyone to meet Josie Bloom, her friend Winky, and her grandfather (who would rather feed squirrels than pay bills). Winky and Josie seem so old and so young at the same time, the way they observe the world around them and try to compute and interact with new experiences, making them feel authentic and relatable. Both deal with their own set of circumstances, but they’re still inquisitive and adventurous kids who don’t even think to let problems define them. I love the community feel, the support from their teacher and the school librarian who encourage Josie and Winky to keep trying and engaging and learning. There were so many parts that made me laugh, especially Josie putting herself inside the back of a police car and “confessing.”
PICTURE BOOKS

Beehive
Written & illustrated by Jorey Hurley
Acclaimed author Jorey Hurley shows us how bees make and store honey in this bold and graphic picture book that includes informative backmatter on the process.

Being Frog
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From award-winning author and photographer April Pulley Sayre comes a stunning photographic look at the fascinating lives of frogs. Frogs are amazing creatures, and this book offers young readers an up-close and revealing peak at their everyday lives.

By and By
By Carole Boston Weatherford
Illustrated by Bryan Collier
A stirring picture book biography from award-winning duo Carole Boston Weatherford and Bryan Collier, about gospel composer and preacher Charles Albert Tindley, best known for the gospel hymn “We’ll Understand It Better By and By.”

Mom Tiger’s New Job
Part of Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood
By Alexandra Cassel Schwartz
Illustrated by Jason Fruchter
Daniel adjusts to Mom Tiger going back to work in this adorable story based on an episode of Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood. Daniel learns that he has to keep busy and find something to play with on his own using his imagination and creativity!

Fred’s Big Feelings
The Life and Legacy of Mister Rogers
By Laura Renauld
Illustrated by Brigette Barrager
An inspiring picture book biography about the inimitable Fred Rogers, beloved creator and star of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.

Freedom Bird
By Jerdine Nolen
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Inspired by the tradition of flying in American Black folktales, this dramatic story tells of Millicent and John, an enslaved brother and sister, and how a mysterious bird that they befriend in turn gives them the courage to escape and set themselves free.

Glad, Glad Bear!
Part of Bear’s Feelings
Written & illustrated by Kimberly Gee
Bear is very, very, very GLAD today! He’s taking his first ballet class. But he’s a little nervous too. This sweet and silly picture book is an honest exploration of feelings that little ones—and grown-ups!—are sure to relate to, and is a charming companion to Mad, Mad Bear.

My Best Friend
By Julie Fogliano
Illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
New York Times bestselling author Julie Fogliano and Caldecott Honor winner Jillian Tamaki come together to tell a delightful story of first friendship.

Hundred Feet Tall
By Benjamin Scheuer
Illustrated by Jemima Williams
With just the right amount of care and support, even the smallest of seeds can grow to stand one hundred feet tall. Guess How Much I Love You meets Someday in this tender ode to the power of unconditional love.

The Only Woman in the Photo
Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America
By Kathleen Krull
Illustrated by Alexandra Bye
In this picture book biography, perfect for fans of I Dissent, discover the incredible life of Frances Perkins, the first woman to serve in the cabinet and the mastermind behind the New Deal.
An Ordinary Day
By Elana K. Arnold
Illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic
An ordinary day in an ordinary neighborhood turns out to be quite extraordinary in this moving story about the circle of life. Two visitors arrive at two houses, one to help a family say hello to a new baby and one to help a family say goodbye to a beloved pet.

The Power of Her Pen
The Story of Groundbreaking Journalist Ethel L. Payne
By Lesa Cline-Ransome
Illustrated by John Parra
Renowned author Lesa Cline-Ransome and celebrated illustrator John Parra unite to tell the inspiring story of Ethel Payne, a groundbreaking African American journalist known as the First Lady of the Black Press.

Thank You, Garden
By Liz Garton Scanlon
Illustrated by Simone Shin
From the author of the Caldecott Honor–winning picture book All the World comes an exuberant, lyrical celebration of the plants and people that grow and thrive in a busy community garden.

This Little Dreamer
Part of This Little
By Joan Holub
Illustrated by Daniel Roode
Learn all about the big dreamers who changed history in this engaging and colorful board book perfect for dreamers-in-training!

Twinkle Thinks Pink!
By Katharine Holabird
Illustrated by Sarah Warburton
From the acclaimed author of the beloved Angelina Ballerina series comes the second delightful picture book about a feisty fairy who’s obsessed with the color pink!

When You Need Wings
Written & illustrated by Lita Judge
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Wherever I Go
By Mary Wagley Copp
Illustrated by Munir D. Mohammed
A hopeful and timely picture book about a spirited little girl living in a refugee camp. Until she can find what Papa calls their forever home, Abia has something important to do: be a queen.

With a Little Help from My Friends
By John Lennon & Paul McCartney
Illustrated by Henry Cole
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Karen Kingsbury and her son Tyler Russell
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For fans of Louisiana’s Way Home, this
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ten-year-old Glory Bea as she prepares for a
miracle of her very own—her father’s return
home.
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20 Girls Who Grew Up To Be Awesome Scientists
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Book #1 of The Unmapped Chronicles
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From bestselling author Abi Elphinstone
comes a wondrous new series about four
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to adventures, so it comes as a nasty shock to
him one day when he hides from bullies in an
ancient grandfather clock—and ends up finding
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The Great Upending
By Beth Kephart
When a troubled children’s book author moves to their farm, two kids with troubles of their own hatch a scheme to swipe the ending of the final book in a bestselling series to get a reward from the book’s publisher in this gorgeously written novel in the tradition of Wonder and Out of My Mind.

The Impossible First
Young Readers Edition
By Colin O’Brady
In this Young Readers Edition of Impossible First—perfect for fans of My Shot by Elena Delle Donne and Shaken by Tim Tebow—Colin O’Brady vividly recounts his fifty-four-day, unsupported, record-shattering solo crossing of Antarctica using every ounce of his strength, years of training, and sheer force of will.

Journey under the Arctic
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Illustrated by Joe St.Pierre
Dive into the world’s coldest ocean in search of one of the rarest creatures on the planet in this second story in a series of graphic adventure novels by Fabien Cousteau, grandson of famed sea explorer Jacques Cousteau, and James O. Fraioli, author and award-winning filmmaker.

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Things You Can’t Say
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Highly recommended by Sarah Woodruff, Senior Marketing Manager

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The Wonder of Wildflowers
By Anna Staniszewski
Ten-year-old Mira must balance the loyalty she feels towards her family with the desire to be accepted by her new classmates in this powerful coming-of-age story about identity, community, and finding a place to call home.

We Could Be Heroes
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Shiloh meets Raymie Nightingale in this funny and heartwarming debut novel about a ten-year-old that finds himself in a whole mess of trouble when his new friend Maisie recruits him to save the dog next door.
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Book #2 of Girls with Sharp Sticks
By Suzanne Young

It’s time to fight back in this second novel in a thrilling, subversive near-future series from New York Times bestselling author Suzanne Young about a girls-only private high school that is far more than it appears to be.

Harley in the Sky
By Akemi Dawn Bowman

The Greatest Showman meets This Is Us by way of Sarah Dessen in this heart-wrenching, hopeful contemporary novel about a multiracial teen who risks it all to follow her dreams by joining the circus, from the critically acclaimed author of Starfish.

Of Curses and Kisses
By Sandhya Menon

From the New York Times bestselling author of When Dimple Met Rishi comes the first novel in a brand-new series set at an elite international boarding school, that’s a contemporary spin on Beauty and the Beast.
Turtle under Ice
By Juleah del Rosario
A teen navigates questions of grief, identity, and guilt in the wake of her sister’s mysterious disappearance in this breathtaking novel-in-verse from the author of 500 Words or Less—perfect for fans of Elizabeth Acevedo.
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We Are the Wildcats
By Siobhan Vivian
A toxic coach finds himself outplayed by the high school girls on his team in this deeply suspenseful novel, which unspools over twenty-four hours through six diverse perspectives.

What I Like About You
By Marisa Kanter
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Genesis Begins Again
By Alicia D. Williams
This deeply sensitive and powerful debut novel tells the story of a thirteen-year-old who must overcome internalized racism and a verbally abusive family to finally learn to love herself.

With a Star in My Hand
By Margarita Engle
From acclaimed author Margarita Engle comes a gorgeous new novel in verse about Rubén Darío, the Nicaraguan poet and folk hero who initiated the literary movement of Modernismo.

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By Deb Caletti
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