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**FICTION**

- **Allen, Kate. THE LINE TENDER**
  Lucy continues the work her mother began prior to her death when a great white shark appears off the coast of her town.

- **Bowling, Dusti. THE CANYON’S EDGE**
  Nora struggles to find her father when they are separated in a canyon after a flash flood.

- **Buckley, Michael. FINN AND THE INTERGALACTIC LUNCH BOX**
  Finn seeks the help of his nemesis and crush to defeat an invading race of bugs by using his unicorn lunchbox.

- **Chokshi, Roshani. ARU SHAH AND THE END OF TIME***
  Aru accidentally releases an ancient demon from a lamp at the museum where her mother works.

- **Copeland, Cynthia L. CUB**
  A female reporter takes twelve year-old Cindy under her wing when she lands an internship at a local newspaper during the 1970s Watergate scandal.

- **Garrett, Ginger. NAME TAGS AND OTHER SIXTH-GRADE DISASTERS**
  Sixth-grade is harder for Lizbeth after her parent’s divorce forces her to move to a new part of town.

- **Haydu, Corey Ann. EVENTOWN**
  Elodee begins to question why things in her new town are too perfect.

- **Hiranandani, Veera. THE NIGHT DIARY**
  As her Hindu family must flee their home, Nisha writes to her deceased mother through her diary.

- **Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. SHOUTING AT THE RAIN**
  Delsie learns to adjust when her best friend leaves her for a mean girl.

- **Kelly, Erin Entrada. WE DREAM OF SPACE**
  Siblings struggle with their problems as the country awaits the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986.

- **Libenson, Terri. BECOMING BRIANNA*”**
  As her bat mitzvah celebration draws near, Brianna deals with friendship drama and her commitment to her religion.

- **Lupica, Mike. STRIKE ZONE**
  Nick, a gifted pitcher from the Bronx, dreams of playing for the Yankees, but he fears his family will be deported to the Dominican Republic.

- **Marks, Janae. FROM THE DESK OF ZOE WASHINGTON**
  Zoe’s life is turned upside down when she receives a letter from her long lost father who is in prison.

- **Mbali, Kwame. TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY**
  After the death of his best friend, Tristan is sent to live with his grandparents in Alabama, where he discovers that the stories his friend had been writing have come to life.

- **Medina, Meg. MERCI SUÁREZ CHANGES GEAR**
  Sixth grader Merci Suárez feels out of place at the private school she attends as a scholarship student, while also worrying about changes happening at home.

- **Ostler, Scott. BOUNCING BACK**
  When Carlos loses both his parents and his ability to walk in a car accident, he reluctantly tries wheelchair basketball.

*Title is one in a series/companion novel
Pancholy, Maulik. BEST AT IT
Rahul struggles through the trials of seventh grade as he also comes to terms with his sexuality.

Pearsall, Shelley. THINGS SEEN FROM ABOVE
April helps to supervise the fourth grade recess and meets a young boy who sees things differently.

Ramee, Lisa Moore. GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE
Tensions run high when Shay challenges her school’s administration by showing her support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Sumner, Jamie. ROLL WITH IT
Ellie would rather be known as the girl who loves to bake rather than that girl in the wheelchair.

Watson, Renee. SOME PLACES MORE THAN OTHERS
Amara visits New York City with her father for her twelfth birthday and uncovers old family secrets.

Wolk, Lauren. ECHO MOUNTAIN
Ellie’s family moves to a cabin in the mountains after losing almost everything in the Great Depression.

Woodson, Jacqueline. BEFORE THE EVER AFTER
ZJ must cope when his father, a former football player, begins to suffer from memory loss.

Yang, Kelly. THREE KEYS*
Mia helps her parents run their modest motel but challenges make their future uncertain.

Yun, Erin. PIPPA PARK RAISES HER GAME
Pippa tries to hide her family’s home life when she receives a basketball scholarship to a private school.

INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Alexander, Kwame. THE UNDEFEATED
A poem celebrating black history, illustrated with stunning artwork.

Alexander, Lori. A SPORTING CHANCE
The inspiring illustrated biography of Paralympics founder Ludwig Guttmann and how the games came to be.

Dunbar, Erica Armstrong. NEVER CAUGHT, THE STORY OF ONA JUDGE: GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON’S COURAGEOUS SLAVE WHO DARED TO RUNAWAY
A young reader’s edition highlighting the life of Ona Judge.

Jewell, Tiffany. THIS BOOK IS ANTI-RACIST
A colorful guide to taking action against racism.

Levy, Debbie. BECOMING RBG: RUTH BADER GINSBURG’S JOURNEY TO JUSTICE
A graphic biography of the revered justice.

Sheinkin, Steve. BORN TO FLY: THE FIRST WOMEN’S AIR RACE ACROSS AMERICA
Highlights some of the fearless women who participated in the 1929 Women’s Air Derby, the first race of its kind.

CHALLENGING READS

Courage, Nick. STORM BLOWN
A hurricane changes the life of two children - Alejandro in Puerto Rico and Emily in New Orleans.

Firestone, Carrie. DRESS CODED
Molly creates a podcast to protest the unfair dress code at her school.

Mackler, Carolyn. NOT IF I CAN HELP IT
Willa struggles with her sensory processing disorder when she finds out that her father has been dating the mother of her best friend.

Messner, Kate. CHIRP
Mia, a talented gymnast hides her reason for abandoning the sport while she helps her Grandmother save her cricket farm.

Warga, Jasmine. OTHER WORDS FOR HOME
Jude and her mother leave Syria for Ohio to escape the violence, but Jude worries about her brother, father, and best friend who remain in Syria.

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