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	<p><i>Indigo & Ida</i> by Heather Murphy Capps</p>	<p>Indigo, an eighth-grade investigative reporter, is torn between fighting a racist school policy and keeping her friends--until she discovers a series of letters written by Black journalist and activist Ida B. Wells.</p>
	<p><i>Heroes</i> by Alan Gratz</p>	<p>Aboard the battleship the USS Utah with their Navy pilot fathers during WWII when the ship is attacked by the Japanese, Frank and Stanley find their friendship — and dreams — in jeopardy when Stanley is seen as the “enemy” because his mother is Japanese American.</p>
	<p><i>Warrior on the Mound</i> by Sandra W. Headen</p>	<p>In 1939 North Carolina, an all-Black baseball team "trespasses" on the whites-only baseball field, and the resulting racial outrage can only be resolved on the mound.</p>
	<p><i>Alebrijes</i> by Donna Barba Higuera</p>	<p>When thirteen year-old Leandro takes the fall for his sister and is exiled into an ancient drone, he embarks on a perilous journey beyond the city's walls where he encounters mutant monsters, wasteland pirates, and fellow outcasts as he tries to save his sister and fellow Cascabeles from the oppressive regime.</p>
	<p><i>The Color of Sound</i> by Emily Barth Isler</p>	<p>Rosie is a musical prodigy whose synesthesia allows her to see music in colors. Forced to spend the summer with her grandparents, Rosie is excited to meet another girl her age hanging out on their property. The girl is familiar, and Rosie quickly realizes, this girl is her mother, when her mother was twelve. With help from this glitch in time, Rosie comes to understand her mother, herself, and her love of music in new ways.</p>





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	<p><i>Ellie Engle Saves Herself!</i> by Leah Johnson</p>	<p>As twelve-year-old Ellie Engle navigates seventh grade and her changing relationship with her best friend, a freak accident occurs and gives Ellie the ability to bring things back to life through touch.</p>
	<p><i>Sona and the Golden Beasts</i> by Rajani LaRocca</p>	<p>Discovering an orphaned wolf pup she believes is related to the five sacred beasts of Devia, which a Hunter has been killing one by one, Sona embarks on an epic adventure during which she realizes that the fate of the sacred beasts, and the future of Devia, is in her hands.</p>
	<p><i>The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams</i> by Daniel Nayeri and Daniel Miyares</p>	<p>This is the tale of an exciting journey along the Silk Road with a young Monk and his newfound guardian, Samir, the so-called "Seller of Dreams". Samir did save Monkey's life, but he is a scammer, which has left a lot of people furious - furious enough to hire assassins. Monkey decides to try and save Samir from the attempts on his life as a way to pay off his debt.</p>
	<p><i>Remember Us</i> by Jacqueline Woodson</p>	<p>The summer before seventh grade, as the constant threat of housefires looms over her Brooklyn neighborhood, basketball-loving Sage is trying to figure out her place in her circle of friends, when a new kid named Freddy moves in.</p>
	<p><i>Jawbreaker</i> by Christina Wyman</p>	<p>Forced to wear painful (and totally awkward) orthodontic headgear called "the jawbreaker," Max Plink finds following her dreams of entering the journalism competition complicated by a required video component, which means showing her face to her classmates and possibly the whole city.</p>

