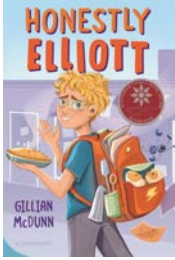

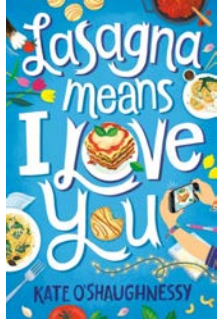
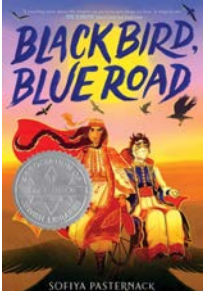


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	<p><i>A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying</i> by Kelley Armstrong</p>	<p>Rowan is destined to be Queen; her twin brother, Rhydd, to be Royal Monster Hunter. Rowan would give anything to switch places, but the oldest child is always next in line, even if she is only older by two minutes. But tragedy shatters the longstanding rule, and Rowan finds herself hunting the most dangerous monster of all—a gryphon.</p>
	<p><i>The Midnight Children</i> by Dan Gemeinhart</p>	<p>In the dead of night, a truck carrying seven mysterious kids with suitcases arrives in Slaughterville. Ravani Foster covertly witnesses their arrival from his bedroom window. Amid this shadowy group of children, Ravani finds an unexpected friend in the warm and gutsy Virginia. When Ravani learns of a threat to his new friends, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him.</p>
	<p><i>Not an Easy Win</i> by Chrystal D. Giles</p>	<p>Expelled from school after one too many fights, Lawrence spends his days at the rec center where he learns how to play chess, making moves that change everything as he finds himself still in the game.</p>
	<p><i>The Superteacher Project</i> by Gordon Korman</p>	<p>Determined to teach their new teacher who's boss, Oliver Zhan and his best friend Nathan realize that Mr. Aidact is not what they expected, and suspecting something is fishy, must get to the bottom of the mystery.</p>
	<p><i>Freewater</i> by Amina Luqman-Dawson</p>	<p>After escaping Southerland Plantation with his little sister, 12-year-old Homer becomes part of a secret community called Freewater, where he finally finds a place to call home and the courage to go back and free his mother from enslavement.</p>



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	<p><i>Honestly Elliott</i> by Gillian McDunn</p>	<p>Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his divorced father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, sixth-grader Elliott finds an unlikely friend in popular, perfect Maribel when the two are paired in a school-wide contest.</p>
	<p><i>Not So Shy</i> by Noa Nimrodi</p>	<p>Twelve-year-old Shai hates everything about moving to America from Israel, and she's determined to come up with a plan that will get her back home. Meanwhile, she's stuck navigating seventh grade in a language that used to be just a subject in school. As Shai faces antisemitism, she also gains support from unexpected sources and starts to see her new life with different eyes. Maybe home is a place in the heart.</p>
	<p><i>You Are Here: Connecting Flights</i> edited by Ellen Oh</p>	<p>Written by twelve powerhouse Asian American authors. An incident at a TSA security check point sows chaos and rumors, creating a chain of events that impacts twelve young Asian Americans in a crowded airport. As their disrupted journeys crisscross and collide, they discover the challenges of friendship, the power of courage, and the unexpected significance of a blue Stratocaster electric guitar.</p>
	<p><i>Lasagna Means I Love You</i> by Kate O'Shaughnessy</p>	<p>When 11-year-old foster kid Mo finds a handmade cookbook filled with someone else's family recipes, she collects the stories behind them and builds a website to share them, secretly hoping a long-lost relative will find her and give her a family recipe all her own.</p>
	<p><i>Black Bird, Blue Road</i> by Sofiya Pasternack</p>	<p>To save her sick twin brother from the Angel of Death by taking him to find doctors who can cure him, Ziva accidentally frees a half-demon boy instead, who leads them to a fabled city where no one dies.</p>

