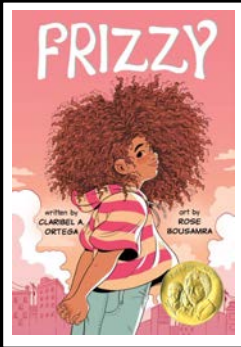

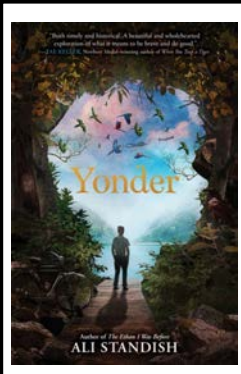


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	<p><i>Simon Sort of Says</i> by Erin Bow</p>	<p>Two years after surviving a school shooting, 12-year-old Simon moves to the only place in America where the internet is banned, finally getting a chance to spin his own story with the help of a new friend.</p>
	<p><i>Calling the Moon: 16 Stories from BIPOC Authors</i> edited by Aida Salazar and Yamile Saied Méndez</p>	<p>Written exclusively by authors who are Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color, this must-have, highly relatable collection of short stories and poems, as varied as the phases of the moon, reassures readers they aren't alone in their period journey.</p>
	<p><i>Two Degrees</i> by Alan Gratz</p>	<p>When three children endure separate climate change disasters--a wildfire in the California woods, a close encounter with a hungry polar bear in Canada, and a massive hurricane in Florida--they emerge from their experiences committed to changing the world.</p>
	<p><i>The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels</i> by Beth Lincoln and Claire Powell</p>	<p>When during the Swift Family Reunion someone gives Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly push down the stairs, Shenanigan Swift, who has a penchant for mischief, decides to become a detective and solve this mysterious case.</p>
	<p><i>In the Key of Us</i> by Mariama J. Lockington</p>	<p>Brought together during summer music camp where they are the only two Black girls, Andi and Zora slowly begin to connect and soon come to realize what has been missing from their lives--each other.</p>



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	<p><i>The Stars Did Wander Darkling</i> by Colin Meloy</p>	<p>In a sleepy seaside town in 1980s Oregon, Archie Coomes and his friends are convinced that an unknown evil has been unleashed on the town after his dad's construction company opens the cliff beneath the old Langdon place--widely believed to be haunted--and the adults in town begin to act strangely.</p>
	<p><i>Frizzy</i> (graphic novel) by Claribel A. Ortega</p>	<p>According to her mother, the only thing Marlene needs to focus on is school and "growing up." That means straightening her hair every weekend so she could have "presentable," "good hair." With a few hiccups, a dash of embarrassment, and the much-needed help of her friend, Camila and her Tia Ruby, she slowly starts a journey to learn to appreciate and proudly wear her curly hair.</p>
	<p><i>The Sun and the Star: A Nico di Angelo Adventure</i> by Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro</p>	<p>In this thrilling adventure, demigods Nico di Angelo and Will Solace must endure the terrors of Tartarus in their attempt to rescue an old friend.</p>
	<p><i>Yonder</i> by Ali Standish</p>	<p>Danny Timmons has looked up to Jack Bailey ever since Jack saved two small children from drowning during the Great Flood of 1940. When Jack goes missing without a trace from their small Appalachian town, Danny is determined to find him. He wonders if Jack's abusive father could be behind his disappearance, or if it has anything to do with Yonder--a hidden magical town Jack once spoke of, where flocks of rainbow birds fly through the sky.</p>
	<p><i>Maizy Chen's Last Chance</i> by Lisa Yee</p>	<p>Welcome to the Golden Palace—the restaurant that's been in Maizy's family for generations. When Maizy discovers that a beloved family treasure has gone missing—and someone has left a racist note—she decides it's time to find the answers.</p>

