



Spin with Me

by Ami Polonsky

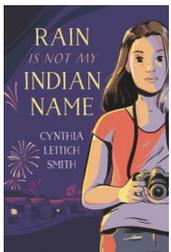
Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie, in North Carolina for just one semester, and Ollie, a non-binary, "gender weird" classmate, develop a gentle romance while Essie ponders her label. Lexile: 660.



Maya and the Rising Dark

by Rena Barron

Struggling to understand why nobody else in her South Side Chicago neighborhood can see strange phenomena, 12-year-old Maya discovers that her missing father has been protecting a supernatural boundary between worlds. No Lexile.



Rain is Not My Indian Name

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Tired of staying in seclusion since the death of her best friend, a 14-year-old Native American girl takes on a photographic assignment with her local newspaper to cover events at a summer youth camp. Lexile: 860.



The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls

by James Bird

After being caught stealing one too many times, Benjamin Waterfalls is sent to a "boot camp" at the Objibwe reservation where he searches for answers as he tries to turn his life around & embrace this second chance. No Lexile.



Fast Pitch

by Nic Stone

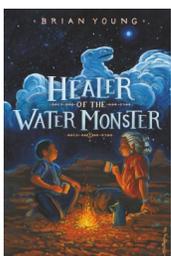
Working hard to prove that Black girls belong at bat, softball captain Shenice Lockwood must prove herself on and off the field when a family secret is revealed, breaking her focus on the game as the championship fast approaches. Lexile: 790.



Falling Short

by Ernesto Cisneros

Two best friends, one athletically gifted and one academically gifted, have more in common than they realize when their goals intersect, forcing them to find a way to support each other. Lexile: 670.

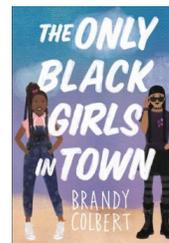


Healer of the Water Monster

by Brian Young

When Nathan goes to visit his grandma, Nali, at her mobile summer home on the Navajo reservation, he knows he's in for a pretty uneventful summer. One night, while lost in the nearby desert, Nathan finds something extraordinary. A Holy Being from the Navajo Creation

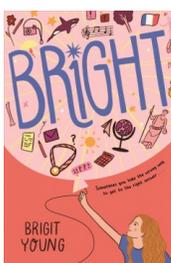
Story—a Water Monster—in need of help.



The Only Black Girls in Town

by Brandy Colbert

Ecstatic to hear that another African American family has moved into town, surfer Alberta attempts to make friends with homesick newcomer Edie, who helps her uncover painful local secrets in a box of old journals. No Lexile.



Bright

by Brigit Young

Getting by in school on a combination of luck, deflection and charisma, Marianne Blume joins her schools Quiz Quest team and wonders what it really means to be bright. Lexile: 660.



Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?

by Leslie Connor

When her best friend Frenchie, who is autistic and doesn't talk, disappears after they encounter a rare piebald deer in the woods, Aurora feels that she's to blame and does everything she can to find him. No Lexile.



Better Nate than Ever

by Tim Federle

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T.". Lexile: 930.

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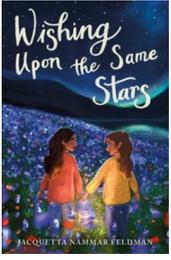


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Wishing Upon the Same Stars

by Jacquetta Nammar Feldman
When 12-year-old Yasmeen Khoury moves with her family to San Antonio, all she wants to do is fit in. But almost immediately, Yasmeen feels like the odd girl out, and as she faces middle school mean girls and tries to make new friends, she feels even more

alone. No Lexile.



Strangeworlds Travel Agency

by L. D. Lapinski
When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a secret: there are hundreds of other worlds just steps away. All you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase. Lexile: 710.



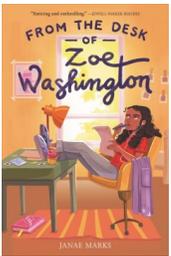
Snapdragon

by Kat Leyh
Befriending an eccentric but savvy older woman who suggests that they help each other while raising a litter of orphaned baby opossums, a young girl discovers that the woman may possess real magic and a possible connection to her family.



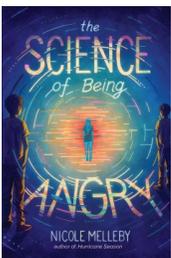
Fight + Flight

by Jules Machias
Two girls find friendship—and more—when they bond over a traumatic event that took place in their middle school. No Lexile.



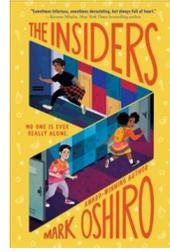
From the Desk of Zoe Washington

by Janae Marks
Receiving an unexpected letter on her birthday from the incarcerated father she has never met, a young baker prepares for a cooking show while scrambling to determine her father's innocence. Lexile: 660.



The Science of Being Angry

by Nicole Melleby
When a meltdown at her apartment building leads to her family's eviction, 11-year-old Joey, who is angry all the time but doesn't know why, is desperate for answers and finds them in the most unexpected place. No Lexile.



The Insiders

by Mark Oshiro
Twelve-year-old Héctor Muñoz, fleeing from bullies, discovers a magical closet that not only provides him sanctuary, but also unites him with two other kids facing similar problems at their own schools, helping them find friendship and strength in each other. No Lexile.



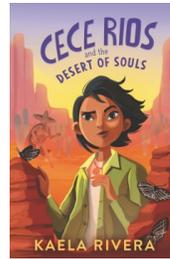
Summer of Brave

by Amy Noelle Parks
Lilla wants to make everyone happy, so when her best friend Vivi dares her to start telling the truth, Lilla hesitates because if she says out loud what she really wants, her whole life might crash down around her. No Lexile.



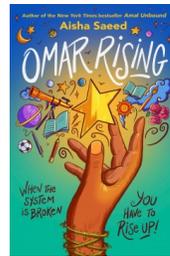
Track Series

by Jason Reynolds
Ghost is a naturally talented runner with a troubled background, but when he is recruited for an elite middle school track team, he must prove to his coach that he can overcome his problems and become the best sprinter in the city. *Ghost* Lexile: 730.



Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls

by Kaela Rivera
Privately questioning her remote community's superstitions about dangerous powerful spirits in their Devil's Alley home, Cecelia Rios experiments with the forbidden art of brujería to rescue her kidnapped sister. No Lexile.



Omar Rising

by Aisha Saeed
While attending an elite boarding school on scholarship, Omar, the son of a servant, discovers the school makes it nearly impossible for scholarship students to graduate and sets out to do the impossible—change a rigged system. No Lexile.



Barakah Beats

by Maleeha Siddiqui
Leaving Islamic school to attend “real school,” 12-year-old Nimra Sharif, joins the school's popular 8th grade boy band, Baraka Beats, in an attempt to fit in, even though she was taught that music isn't allowed in Islam, forcing her to make a difficult decision. Lexile: 650.