





Wishtree by Katherine Applegate
A wise old oak tree that stands as the
neighborhood's "wishtree," where people
write wishes on cloth and tie them to her
branches, shares her days with her crow
friend and helps the community embrace
differences when new neighbors move in.



Refugee by Alan Gratz
Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s
Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her

country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on

harrowing journeys in search of refuge.



The Purloining of Prince
Oleomargarine by Mark Twain

A vibrantly adapted, previously unfinished children's story completed from Mark Twain's fragmentary notes follows the story of a quietly courageous boy who receives a gift of magical seeds that enable him to

speak with animals during a quest to rescue a kidnapped prince. (Try the audiobook read by Keegan-Michael Key!)



A Night Divided by Jennifer A Nielsen When her family is abruptly divided by the rise of the Berlin Wall, 12-year-old Gerta harbors forbidden thoughts about freedom and reuniting with her loved ones before a coded message from her father inspires a daring plan.



Posted by John David Anderson When cell phones are banned at their school, Frost and his friends start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school before other kids start following their example, triggering a wave of bullying activities.



All the Way to Havana by Margarita Engle A versed picture book showcasing the colorful buildings and iconic classic cars of Havana follows a Cuban boy and his family on a road trip into the city, a journey marked

by rich street culture and onomatopoeic sounds.



Egg by Kevin Henkes Stylistically designed with graphic novel panels and minimal text, the story of four eggs of different colors follows the experiences of three hatchlings who are surprised by what emerges from the fourth egg.



The War I Finally Won

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A sequel to the *The War That Saved My Life* continues the story of Ada, who in the aftermath of the surgery that corrects her disability struggles to welcome a Jewish-German girl into the crowded cottage where her loved ones are enduring the horrors of

World War II.



The Year of the Garden by Andrea Cheng A prequel to The Year of the Book finds Anna inspired by The Secret Garden to attract birds and find friendship by planting a garden of ivy and purple crocuses.



Brave by Svetlana Chmakova A follow-up to the Eisner Award-nominated Awkward finds a misfit art club targeted by the school's bullies while Jenny and Akilah try to raise awareness, only to find their friendship tested by differing perspectives.



The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors

by Drew Daywalt

The award-winning author of *The Day the Crayons Quit* and the best-selling illustrator of *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich* present a laugh-out-loud tribute to the fictional

warriors who invented a classic childhood game.



A Perfect Day by Lane Smith Enjoying an idyllic day in Bert's backyard, Cat, Dog, Chickadee and Squirrel are disturbed by a bumbling bear who crushes the flowerbed, drinks from the wading pool and gobbles up their food.



Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines by Jeanne Walker Harvey
An introduction to the life and achievements of the artist-architect who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial describes the

creative childhood explorations that inspired her career and how she learned to think artistically with her hands as well as her mind while performing unique experiments with light and lines.



If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams Blends scientific and environmental facts in an engagingly illustrated exploration of how the planet would change without its shark populations.