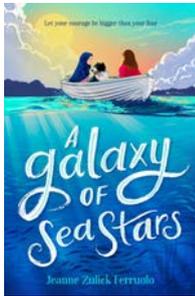


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A Galaxy of Sea Stars
Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo
Izzy's always wants to be best friends with the Sea Stars. When Sitara moves upstairs, Izzy finds a new friend and bravery to accept change in her life.



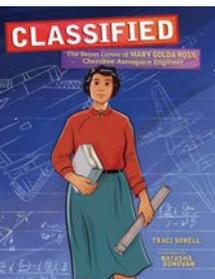
Artie and the Wolf Moon
Olivia Stephens
Artie is thrilled to discover that her mom is a werewolf when she sneaks out one night.



Barakah Beats
Maleeha Siddiqui
Nimra Shariff starts middle school in the US after spending her whole life in an Islamic school. She worries about fitting in until she gets a special invitation.



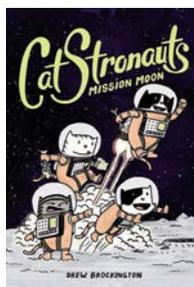
Born on the Water: The 1619 Project
Nicole Hannah-Jones
A young student studies her family's history and learns about the injustices done to them and their strength to overcome it.



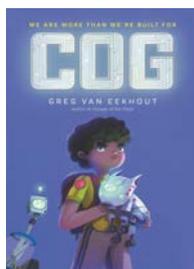
Classified: The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer
Traci Sorell
The story of Mary Golda Ross, a Cherokee woman and one of the first women to design airplanes and spaceships.



The Cardboard Kingdom*
Chad Sell
A group of kids transform their neighborhood into a Cardboard Kingdom from ordinary cardboard boxes.



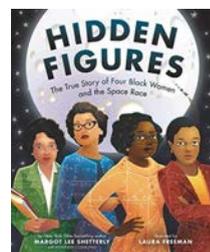
Catstronauts: Mission Moon*
Drew Brockton
When the world needs saving it's up to the Catstronauts, a team of the best cat astronauts, to journey to the moon and save humanity!



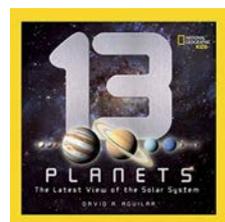
Cog*
Greg van Eekhout
Cog, a boy with an amazing brain, and a team of his robot friends go on a mission to find his family.



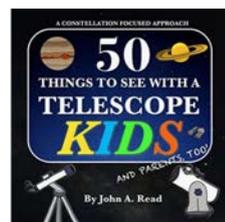
Dog Man & Cat Kid*
Dav Pilkey
Available in Spanish
Dog Man with a new assistant, Cat Kid! Can they stop the world's most evil cat, Petey, before it's too late?



Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
Margot Lee Shetterly
The true story of four African American mathematicians who helped NASA send people to space, overcoming challenges due to their gender and race.



13 Planets: The Latest View of the Solar System**
David Aguilar
Profiles of all 13 planets in their newly created categories—plus the sun, the Oort Cloud, comets, and other worlds being discovered

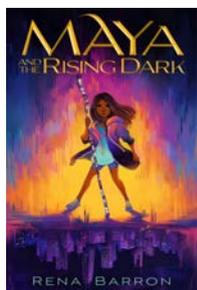


50 Things To See With A Telescope**
John Read
A guide to the night sky with images to illustrate how objects appear through a telescope.

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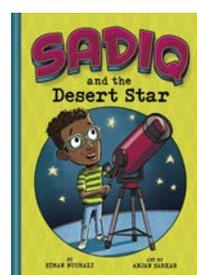
Maya and the Rising Dark*
 Rena Barron
 Maya is the only one in her Chicago neighborhood who witnesses strange things. Then she finds out she is part of a battle between two worlds.



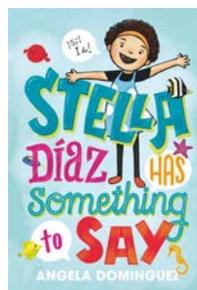
Percy Jackson: The Lightning Thief*
 Rick Riordan
Available in Spanish and Portuguese
 Percy learns what it's like to be a hero from Greek mythology.



Planet Earth is Blue*
 Nicole Panteleakos
 Nova is a nonverbal child who loves her sister and all things space. They plan to watch the launch of the Challenger together then their family situation forces them apart.



Sadiq and the Desert Star
 Siman Nuurali
 Sadiq becomes interested in space from his father's passion for stars. Will anyone want to join a space club with him?



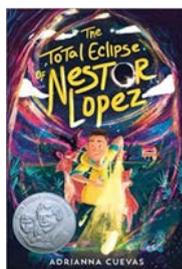
Stella Diaz Has Something to Say*
 Angela Dominguez
 Stella, a Mexican-American girl, is still learning to be fluent in English. When she wants to be friends with a new boy in class, will she face her fears and say something?



Ways to Make Sunshine*
 Renee Watson
 Ryan Hart is always trying to be a good daughter, sister and friend. When changes come to her family, she finds ways to make changes and stay positive.

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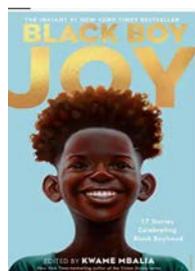
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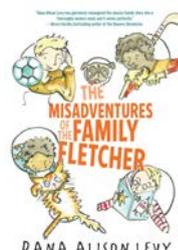
The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez
 Adrianna Cuevas
Available in Spanish
 Nestor has a secret, he can talk to animals! He must use this skill to save his town from a tula vieja—a witch who is stealing animals and taking their powers.



The Vast Wonder of the World
 Melina Mangal
 The inspiring story of African American scientist, Ernst Everett Just who persisted in his research, despite discrimination and racism. to uncover new insights into the origin of life!



Black Boy Joy
 Kwame Mbalia
 A collection of stories, comics and poems about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood.



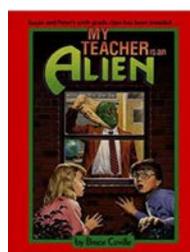
The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher
 Dana Allison Levy
 A family of four adopted boys, their two dads and a menagerie of pets share a year full of hilarious situations, a grouchy neighbor, and unforgettable antics.



Constellations for Kids: An Easy Guide to Discovering the Stars**
 Kelsey Johnson
 Learn how to read the night sky with sky maps for over 25 constellations.



The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole**
 Michelle Cuevas
 A girl's friendship with a lonely black hole leads her to face her own sadness.



My Teacher is an Alien**
 Bruce Coville
 Susan discovers that her new substitute is an alien when she sees him peeling off his face! It's up to her to save her class.