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**FICTION**

Andrews, Ryan. **THIS WAS OUR PACT**
Ben and Nathan follow the paper lanterns from their annual fall festival to see where they go.

Benjamin, Ali. **THE NEXT GREAT PAULIE FINK**
Seventh graders create a reality-show inspired competition to find their school's next class clown.

Blake, Ashley Herring. **THE MIGHTY HEART OF SUNNY ST. JAMES**
Sunny St. James must deal with the many changes to her social life, her health, her family, and her feelings towards another girl.

Cornett, Doug. **FINALLY, SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS**
Paul and his friends investigate the sudden appearance of hundreds of rubber ducks on his neighbor's lawn.

Day, Christine. **I CAN MAKE THIS PROMISE**
After Edie discovers some family secrets, she tries to find her own Native American identity.

Hale, Nathan. **APOCALYPSE TACO**
A group of kids discovers strange creatures and a nightmare world while going on a fast food run.

Harrell, Rob. **WINK**
A twelve-year-old tries to navigate middle school while getting treatment for his eye cancer.

Jamieson, Victoria. **WHEN STARS ARE SCATTERED**
Refugee Omar must choose between going to school and caring for his nonverbal brother.

Kapit, Sarah. **GET A GRIP, VIVY COHEN!**
Autistic baseball player Vivy Cohen becomes pen pals with her favorite Major League baseball player.

Keller, Tae. **WHEN YOU TRAP A TIGER**
A granddaughter seeks out a magical tiger who she believes can heal her grandmother.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. **LALANI OF THE DISTANT SEA**
Lalani takes on a quest that only men and boys have taken, traveling to the legendary Mount Isa.

Knisley, Lucy. **STEPPING STONES**
Jen tries to adjust to her new blended family and her new home out in the country.

Lai, Remy. **PIE IN THE SKY**
After immigrating to Australia, Jingwen uses baking to adjust to his new life without his father.

LeZotte, Ann Clare. **SHOW ME A SIGN**
In 1805, Mary Lambert’s quiet life on Martha’s Vineyard is disturbed when a stranger comes to investigate the origins of her community’s widespread deafness.

McManis, Charlene Willing. **INDIAN NO MORE**
Regina tries to understand her Indian identity after her parents move into a new home.

Reynolds, Jason. **LOOK BOTH WAYS**
Children discuss the difficulties of middle school in ten different stories taking place on ten different routes from school.

Rodkey, Geoff. **WE’RE NOT FROM HERE**
A child must convince a race of aliens to allow a group of humans to immigrate to their planet.

*Title is one in a series/companion novel
Salazar, Aida. **THE MOON WITHIN**
Celi Rivera awaits her first period while her mother plans a public moon ceremony to celebrate her entrance into womanhood.

Schmidt, Gary D. **PAY ATTENTION, CARTER JONES**
A butler moves into Carter Jones’s home and helps him deal with past events.

Stead, Rebecca. **THE LIST OF THINGS THAT WILL NOT CHANGE**
As Bea’s life changes around her, she finds herself haunted by events that occurred at her father’s lake house.

Wang, Jen. **STARGAZING**
Illness and jealousy threaten the unlikely friendship between perfectionist Christine and impulsive Moon.

Young, Karen Romano. **A GIRL, A RACCOON, AND THE MIDNIGHT MOON**
Pearl Moran investigates the vandalism that has occurred at her beloved public library.

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**INFORMATIONAL BOOKS**

Barnes, Derrick D. **WHO GOT GAME? BASEBALL: AMAZING BUT TRUE STORIES**
Learn about unknown players and extraordinary moments in baseball history in this lively sports book.

Chambers, Veronica. **FINISH THE FIGHT!: THE BRAVE AND REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO VOTE**
A collection of short biographies centered on famous women from all walks of life who fought suffrage.

Lewis, Carrie. **ALL ABOUT ANXIETY**
Look into the science behind anxiety and strategies to cope with it.

McCully, Emily Arnold. **DREAMING IN CODE: ADA BYRON LOVELACE, COMPUTER PIONEER**
Daughter of famed poet Lord Byron, Ada Byron Lovelace paved the way for advancements in computer programming and earlier coding.

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**CHALLENGING READS**

Cartaya, Pablo. **EACH TINY SPARK**
Emilia Torres tries to reconnect with her military father by assisting him in his welding projects.

Johnson, Katherine. **REACHING FOR THE MOON: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF NASA MATHEMATICIAN KATHERINE JOHNSON**
Famous mathematician Katherine Johnson talks about her experiences working at NASA during the 1950s space race.

Kluger, Jeffrey. **DISASTER STRIKES!: THE MOST DANGEROUS SPACE MISSIONS OF ALL TIME**
Get a look behind the scenes of the most infamous space missions’ failures and their impact on the world of space travel.

Newman, Magdalena M. **NORMAL: ONE KID’S EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY**
Nathaniel Newman discusses his experience with craniofacial differences and the support he gains from his family.

Park, Linda Sue. **PRAIRIE LOTUS**
Half-Asian Hanna struggles to fit in and realize her dreams of becoming a dressmaker when she and her father settle in the newly formed Dakota Territory in the 1880s.

Venkatraman, Padma. **THE BRIDGE HOME**
Four homeless children band together to face the harshness of the streets in Chennai, India when one of them becomes seriously ill.

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