Red Glass

Laura Resau

YA RESAU

Sophie has been frail since her premature birth, but discovers her strength during a journey through Mexico, and to Guatemala, where her friend hopes to find his mother.



Laura Resau

YA RESAU

Clara spends the summer with her grandparents in the tiny, remote village of Yucuyoo, Mexico, learning about her grandmother's life as a healer, her father's decision to leave home for the United States, and her own place in the world.

Panama

Silver People: Voices From the Panama Canal

Margarita Engle

YA ENGLE

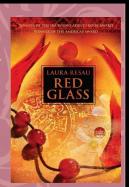
Mateo and other Caribbean islanders face discrimination, segregation, and harsh working conditions when American recruiters lure them to the rain forest in 1906 to build the great canal.

Other Islands and Sea Faring

Boy on the Edge Friðrik Erlingsson

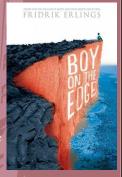
YA ERLINGSSON

Henry has a clubfoot and is the target of relentless bullying. One day, in a fit of anger, he lashes out at his mother and is sent to live with other troubled boys at the Home of Lesser Brethren, an isolated farm in the craggy lava fields along the unforgiving Icelandic coast.









The Brides of Rollrock Island Margo Lanagan YA LANAGAN

On remote Rollrock Island, men go to sea to make their livings, and to catch their wives. The witch Misskaella knows the way of drawing a girl from the heart of a seal, and for a price a man may buy himself a lovely sea-wife.

Pirates! Celia Rees VA REES

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, Nancy escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

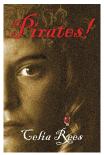
The Madman's Daughter Megan Sheperd VA SHEPERD

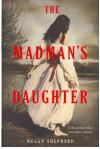
Dr. Moreau's daughter, Juliet, travels to her estranged father's island, only to encounter murder, medical horrors, and a love triangle. First in the series.

Island's End Padma Venkatraman YA VENKATRAMAN

A young girl trains to be the new spiritual leader of her remote Andaman Island tribe, while facing increasing threats from the modern world.









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Argentina

When You Open Your Eyes Celeste Conway PB YA CONWAY

In Buenos Aires, where her father is the legal attaché at the U.S. Embassy, Tess falls in love and tries to live the fast and free life of her friends

Jack's Run Roland Smith VA SMITH

Kidnapped by drug czar Asnar and held hostage in Argentina, Jack and his sister attempt a daring escape while their parents set out to rescue them.

Brazil

The Summer Prince Alaya Dawn Johnson YA JOHNSON

In a Brazil of the distant future, June falls in love with Enki, a fellow artist and rebel against the strict limits of Palmares Três' matriarchal government, knowing that, like all Summer Kings before him, Enki is destined to die.

Canada

Queen of Hearts

Martha Brooks
YA BROOKS
Shortly after her first kiss in
December 1941, Marie Claire
and her younger siblings are
sent to a tuberculosis sanatorium
near their Manitoba farm.









The Winter People Joseph Bruchac YA BRUCHAC

As the French and Indian War rages in October of 1759, Saxso, an Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.



In an alternate world where industrialization has caused carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer-in-training, and Siobahn, his bard, face a dragon infestation near their Canadian town.



Sloane Emily Jacobs and Sloane Devon Jacobs, from different worlds but both with problem families, meet in Montreal where they stay in the same hotel while attending camp, one for figure skating, the other for ice hockey.

Half Brother Kenneth Oppel YA OPPEL

In 1973, when a renowned behavioral psychologist pursues his latest research project, he brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his son to treat Zan like a little brother.

Blink & Caution Tim Wynne-Jones YA WYNNE-JONES

Two teenagers who are living on the streets become involved in a complicated criminal plot and make an unexpected connection with each other











Cuba

The Lightning Dreamer Margarita Engle VA ENGLE

In free verse, this story evokes the voice of Gertrudis Gomez de Avellaneda, a writer, feminist, and abolitionist who courageously fought injustice in Cuba. Includes historical notes.

Tropical Secrets Margarita Engle YA ENGLE

Escaping from Nazi Germany to Cuba in 1939, a young Jewish refugee dreams of finding his parents again and befriends a local girl with painful secrets.

Dominican Republic

Before We Were Free Julia Alvarez

YA ALVAREZ

In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.

Ecuador

Latitude Zero
Diana Renn
YA RENN

Tessa, an aspiring investigative journalist, travels to Ecuador as she investigates the sudden death of a young cycling superstar at a charity bike ride.

Guatemala

Journey of Dreams
Marge Pellegrino
YA PELLEGRINO

When their village is destroyed in the Guatemalan Civil War, Tomasa and her family begin the long trek north in search of safety.











Hait

In Darkness

Nick Lake

YA LAKE

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a poor gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped in the rubble of a ruined hospital, and as he grows weaker he has visions and memories of his life and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule In 1804

Hold Tight, Don't Let Go

Laura Rose Wagner

YA WAGNER

In the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, Nadine goes to live with her father in Miami while her cousin Magdalie, raised as her sister, remains behind in a refugee camp, dreaming of joining Nadine

Mexico

The Girl Who Could Silence the Wind

Meg Medina
YA MEDINA

Worn down by the constant petitions of the villagers who think she has special powers, Sonia leaves behind her shawl covered with milagros and her mountain home and sets out to live a life of her own.

The Crossing

Gary Paulsen

PB YA PAULSEN (also +)

Manny, a street kid fighting for survival in a Mexican border town, develops a strange friendship with an emotionally disturbed American soldier who decides to help him get across

