

#### The Golden Compass By Philip Pullman YA PULLMAN (also +)

Accompanied by her shape-shifting daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.



#### What the Dog Said By Randi Reisfeld YA REISFELD (also +)

Shortly after their police officer father is killed, Grace's older sister decides to adopt a dog to train as a service dog but, true to form, it is the grief-stricken Grace who ends up taking responsibility.



#### Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

By J. K. Rowling YA ROWLING (also +)

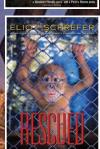
While attending the Magical Congress of the United States of America in 1926, Newt Scamander is pursued by the wizarding authorities when dangerous beasts and their habitats escape from his magical briefcase.



#### Trouble

By Gary Schmidt YA SCHMIDT

Henry, wishing to honor his brother Franklin's dying wish, sets out to hike Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog.



#### Rescued By Eliot Schrefer YA SCHREFER

John's parents have divorced, and his father has sold Raja, his orangutan brother. John sets out to rescue him and bring him to a sanctuary in Indonesia.



## The Scorpio Races By Maggie Stiefvater YA STIEFVATER

Returning champion Sean Kendrick competes against Puck Connolly, the first girl ever to ride in the annual Scorpio Races, both trying to keep hold of their dangerous water horses long enough to make it to the finish line.



#### Life Happens Next By Terry Trueman YA TRUEMAN

Shawn McDaniel cannot speak and has no control over his body due to severe cerebral palsy, but he forms a strong connection with his mother's cousin Debi, who has Down Syndrome, and her dog Rusty.



# Doglands By Tim Willocks YA WILLOCKS

Furgal, a half-greyhound puppy, escapes a cruel dogtrack owner and sets out in the hope of finding his father and the fabled Doglands, later returning to try to free his mother, sisters, and the other abused dogs.



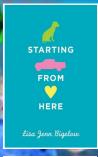
# Firehorse By Diane Lee Wilson YA WILSON (also +)

Spirited horse lover Rachel is determined to become a veterinarian while her city faces a serial arsonist and an epidemic spreading through its firehorse population.

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#### **Animal Stories**

DOGS, CATS, SHAPE-SHIFTERS, MAGICAL CREATURES, AND MORE!



## Starting From Here By Lisa Jenn Bigelow YA BIGELOW

Colby is barely hanging on with her mother dead, her trucker father often away, her almost-girlfriend dumping her for a boy, and her failing grades, when a stray dog appears and helps her find hope.



## White Cat By Holly Black YA BLACK

When Cassel Sharpe discovers that his older brothers have used him to carry out their criminal schemes and then stolen his memories, he figures out a way to turn their evil machinations against them.



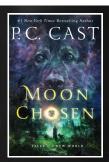
#### Plain Kate By Erin Bow YA BOW

Plain Kate's odd appearance and expertise as a woodcarver cause some to think her a witch, but friendship with a talking cat and, later, with humans help her to survive and even thrive in a world of magic, charms, and fear.



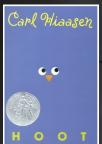
# The Story of Us By Deb Caletti YA CALETTI

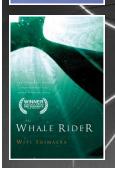
As wedding attendees arrive for a week of festivities, complications arise for Cricket, involving her own love life, her beloved dog Jupiter, and her mother's reluctance to marry.











#### **Moon Chosen**

#### By P. C. Cast

Mari is an Earth Walker, heir to the unique healing powers of her Clan, but she has cast her duties aside until she is chosen by a special animal ally, altering her destiny forever.

## Even the Darkest Stars By Heather Fawcett YA FAWCETT

Kamzin has always dreamed of becoming one of the Emperor's royal explorers. She knows she could be the best in the world, if only someone would give her a chance.

#### Stray By Stacey Goldblatt YA GOLDBLATT

Natalie's mother, a veterinarian with a dogs-only practice, has her on such a short leash that Natalie is tempted to break her mother's rules and follow her own instincts.

#### Hoot

#### By Carl Hiaasen YA HIAASEN (also +)

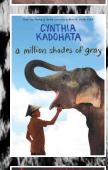
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

#### Whale Rider v Witi Ihimaer

#### By Witi Ihimaera YA IHIMAERA

As her beloved grandfather, chief of the Maori tribe of Whangara, New Zealand, struggles to lead in difficult times and to find a male successor, young Kahu is developing a mysterious relationship with the ancient bull whale whose legendary rider was their ancestor.











## Redwall By Brian Jacques YA JACQUES

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

#### A Million Shades of Gray By Cynthia Kadohata YA KADOHATA (also +)

In 1975 after American troops pull out of Vietnam, a thirteen-year-old boy and his beloved elephant escape into the jungle when the Viet Cong attack his village.

# Talon By Julie Kagawa YA KAGAWA

In a world in which near-extinct dragons pass as humans to grow their numbers secretly, siblings Ember and Dante Hill prepare for destined positions in the world of Talon only to be hunted by a dragon-slaying soldier.

# Racing Savannah By Miranda Kenneally YA KENNEALLY

Working at a fancy farm that trains horses for the Kentucky Derby, Savannah tries to deflect the attention of the owner's son as she pursues her dream of becoming a jockey.

# The Winter Horses By Philip Kerr YA KERR

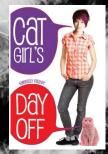
Kalinka, a Ukrainian Jewish girl on the run from the Nazis, finds unlikely help from two rare Przewalski horses.











## A Mango-Shaped Space By Wendy Maas YA MAAS

Afraid that she is crazy, Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the loss of something important to her.

# The Unexpected Everything By Morgan Matson YA MATSON

Andie always has a plan, but when her father suffers a political scandal, her summer med school program is taken away from her, and a new guy comes into the picture, she finds a lot of unexpected things can happen when you're busy making other plans.

## Whippoorwill By Joseph Monninger YA MONNINGER

In rural New Hampshire, Clair Taylor and her neighbor, Danny Stewart, fall into an unlikely relationship as they work together to save Wally, a loveable but mistreated dog.

## Half Brother By Kenneth Oppel YA OPPEL

In 1973, a renowned Canadian behavioral psychologist brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his son to treat Zan like a little brother.

#### Cat Girl's Day Off By Kimberly Pauley YA PAULEY

Natalie Ng has always kept her ability to talk to cats a secret, but when she learns, from a cat, that a celebrity has been replaced by an imposter, she and her friends decide to investigate.