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Reading Recommendations

**Hunted**  
Skye Melki-Wegner  
An unlikely band of dinosaur misfits discover a deadly secret and must work together to save their kingdoms.  
(J) Melki-Wegner

**The Midnight Children** *  
Dan Gemeinhart  
A story about a family of runaways who take up residence in a small town and the boy who finds new friends.  
(J) Gemeinhart

**Invisible** *  
Christina Diaz Gonzalez  
When five students work to complete their community service hours, they meet someone truly in need.  
(J Graphic Novel) Gonzalez

**The Secret Letters** *  
Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Colin and Nevaeh find mysteries hidden in attics and basements and discover how trash can become treasure.  
(J) Haddix

**Speak Up!** *  
Rebecca Burgess  
Mia is just trying to navigate a world that doesn’t understand her true autistic self.  
(J Graphic Novel) Burgess

**Manatee Summer** *  
Evan Griffith  
Peter’s goal for the summer before middle school is to finish his Discovery Journal, a catalog of the wildlife around his Florida town.  
(J) Griffith

**The Golden Hour** *  
Niki Smith  
Manuel copes with his anxiety through photography, using his camera to find anchors to keep him grounded.  
(J Graphic Novel) Smith

**Cookie Monsters**  
Erika J. Kendrick  
Brooklyn goes against her rival to win her school’s cookie-selling competition and become the Cookie Queen.  
(J) Kendrick

**The Department of Lost Dogs**  
Josephine Cameron  
Rondo is surrounded by canine chaos when celebrity pups go missing from his family’s business.  
(J) Cameron

**Frizzy**  
Claribel A. Ortega  
Marlene doesn’t understand why her hair isn’t considered pretty. She just needs to accept herself, frizzy curls and all.  
(J Graphic Novel) Ortega

**The Clackity** *  
Lora Senf  
To rescue her aunt, Evie embarks on a journey into a strange world filled with witches, ghosts, and a story thief.  
(J) Senf

**Team Chu and the Battle of Blackwood Arena** *  
Julie C. Dao  
Competitive siblings get stuck in a virtual reality laser tag game.  
(J) Dao

**Land of Dragons**  
Beth McMullen  
When Albert, a rescue kitten, turns out to be a dragon in disguise, Cassie must protect him from the dragon king.  
(J) McMullen

**Sisterhood of Sleuths** *  
Jennifer Chambliss Bertman  
After finding an old photo of her grandmother, Maizy is inspired to launch an investigation.  
(J) Bertman

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**A Taste of Magic** *
J. Elle

Kyana bakes up a plan to keep her magic school open after the city threatens to close it down.

(J) Elle

**The Tryout** *
Christina Soontornvat

Will Christina and Megan survive the terrifying cheer squad tryouts?

(J Graphic Novel) Soontornvat

**Virtually Me**
Chad Morris

Three kids navigate the pandemic by attending an experimental virtual reality school and begin to see themselves in new ways.

(J) Morris

**Two Degrees** *
Alan Gratz

While each experiencing climate disasters, four kids discover they are connected in shocking ways.

(J) Gratz

**Smaller Sister** *
Maggie Edkins Willis

With time and work, sisters begin to heal and grow because a sister is the one friend you can never ditch.

(J Graphic Novel) Willis

**Scout Is Not a Band Kid** *
Jade Armstrong

Scout will do anything to meet her favorite author, even if it means joining the school band.

(J Graphic Novel) Armstrong

**Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone** *
Tae Keller

When Jennifer, a girl who believes she can find aliens, goes missing, Mallory sets out to find her.

(J) Keller

**High Score**
Destiny Howell

Darius James comes up with a plan to save his friend, and maybe the whole school, from a bully.

(J) Howell

**Frances and the Monster** *
Refe Tuma

Frances reawakens a terrible monster and must find it before it destroys her town.

(J) Tuma

**Unseen Magic**
Emily Lloyd-Jones

When her town is overrun with disturbances, Fin is the only one who knows why and how to stop it.

(J Graphic Novel) Lloyd-Jones

**The Area 51 Files**
Julie Buxbaum

Aliens, sassy hedgehogs, and unexplained disappearances... oh my! Discover the secrets of Area 51.

(J) Buxbaum

**Attack of the Black Rectangles** *
A. S. King

Mac and his family set out to do something about censorship in his school.

(J) King

**Miss Quinces** *
Kat Fajardo

Sue would rather do anything other than celebrate her quinceañera in a big floofy dress.

(J Graphic Novel) Fajardo

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