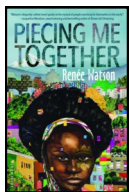




Wild Bird, by Wendelin Van Draanen

How this book stands out: Gripping realistic survival fiction set in the Utah desert.

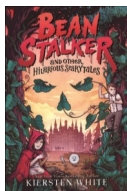
You might also like: *Alabama Moon, Touching Spirit Bear, The Running Dream*



Piecing me Together, by Renee Watson

How this book stands out: A young woman learns to stand on her own in this realistic novel.

You might also like: *The Laura Line, This Side of Home, The Boy in the Black Suit.*



Beanstalker and Other Hilarious Scary Tales, by Kiersten White

How this book stands out: A snappy mash-up of old-fashioned fairy tales and new-fashioned chills and jokes!

You might also like: *Attack of the Vampire Weenies, Coraline, A Tale Dark & Grimm.*

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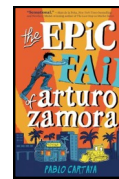


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The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora, by Pablo Cartaya

How this book stands out: a fun story about boys, girls, and family. Realistic fiction.

You might also like: *How to Avoid Extinction, Antsy Does Time, One Crazy Summer*



Last Day on Mars, by Kevin Emerson

How this book stands out: action-packed science fiction thriller.

You might also like: *Black Hole Sun, The Lost Planet, MiNRS.*



The Inquisitor's Tale, by Adam Gidwitz

How this book stands out: historical fantasy with plenty of action and adventure.

You might also like: *Midnight Magic, A Tale Dark and Grimm, Far Far Away*



Refugee, by Alan Gratz

How this book stands out: tense historical fiction about kids running for their lives.

You might also like: *Prisoner B-3087, Shooting Kabul, Salt to the Sea.*



The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Meets World, by Shannon and Dean Hale

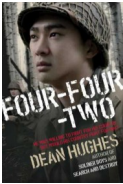
How this book stands out: learn the origin of Squirrel Girl!
You might also like: *Lumberjanes, Super Girl at Super Hero High, The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl (Marvel comic)*



The Van Gogh Deception, by Deron Hicks

How this book stands out: a fast-paced mystery.

You might also like: Framed!, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, Chasing Vermeer.



Four-Four-Two, by Dean Hughes

How this book stands out: a gripping war story.

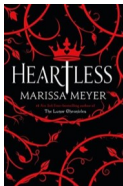
You might also like: Soldier Boys, Eyes of the Emperor, Dive: World War 2 Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific



Warcross, by Marie Lu

How this book stands out: virtual reality gets deadly in this science-fiction thriller.

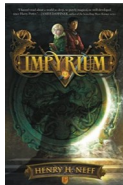
You might also like: Eye of Minds, Insignia, Otherworld.



Heartless, by Marissa Meyer

How this book stands out: dark fantasy exploring the story of Alice in Wonderland's evil Queen of Hearts.

You might also like: The Looking Glass Wars, School for Good and Evil, Beastly.



Impyrium by Henry J. Neff

How this book stands out: imaginative blending of fantasy and steampunk.

You might also like: The False Prince, The Hound of Rowan, The Demon King



Frogkisser!, by Garth Nix

How this book stands out: a fun, magical adventure with a princess who *won't* need rescuing, thank you.

You might also like: The Wishing Spell, Ella Enchanted, The School for Good and Evil.



Between Two Skies, by Joanne O'Sullivan

How this book stands out: Romance and heartache in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

You might also like: Finding Someplace, Ninth Ward, Zane and the Hurricane



Miles Morales, Spider-Man, by Jason Reynolds

How this book stands out: alternative Marvel universe Spider-Man.

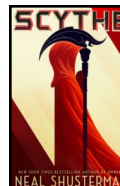
You might also like: Batman: Nightwalker; Wonder Woman: Forever Red; The Zodiac Legacy series.



York: The Shadow Cipher, by Laura Ruby

How this book stands out: Fast-paced race against time in an alternative New York City.

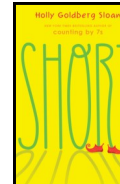
You might also like: Chasing Vermeer, The Clockwork Scarab, The Mysterious Benedict Society



Scythe, by Neal Shusterman

How this book stands out: Sci-fi thriller looking at death—in a world where no one dies.

You might also like: Unwind, Flawed, Nemesis



Short, by Holly Goldberg Sloan

How this book stands out: Realistic fiction with a funny look at the perils of being short!

You might also like: How to Stage a Catastrophe, Better Nate than Ever, Jack & Louisa Act I.



Well, That Was Awkward, by Rachel Vail

How this book stands out: Realistic fiction about girls and their crushes.

You might also like: The Swap, Addie Bell's Shortcut to Growing Up, Flawless.