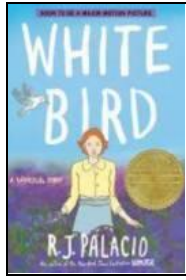


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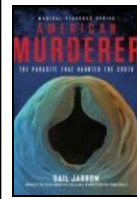


## White Bird (F&P Y)

R.J. Palacio

Branded as "A Wonder Story," Palacio's well-paced graphic novel debut expands upon a story introduced in *Auggie & Me*; Grandmere's tale of her childhood in German-occupied France. Asked by Julian, Wonder's bully, to recount the story of Julien, a boy impacted by polio who helped her hide

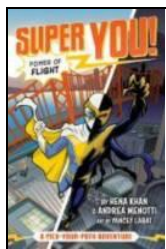
from Nazi soldiers as a child, Grandmere reluctantly agrees. Cruelly teased by schoolmates, Julien becomes Sara's protector after Nazis invade their progressive school.



## American Murderer (F&P Y)

Gail Jarrow

Imagine microscopic worms living in the soil. They enter your body through your bare feet, travel to your intestines, and stay there for years sucking your blood like vampires. You feel exhausted. You get sick easily. It sounds like a nightmare, but that's what happened in the American South during the 1800s and early 1900s.



## Power of Flight (F&P N)

Hena Khan

You thought you were in for an ordinary summer at science camp – that is, until you sneak into an off-limits area of the Center for Avian Science, get your hand pecked by a weird bird, and suddenly gain the power of flight! Now it's up to you to decide how to use the power:

Will you fly out at night to save the day? Will you team up with the villainous Dr. Zeus, who bred the mutant bird and wants to take over the world with its powers? Or will you make the wrong choice and meet an ill-fated end?



## Rover's Story (F&P P)

Jasmine Warga

Meet Resilience, a Mars rover determined to live up to his name. Res was built to explore Mars. He was not built to have human emotions. But as he learns new things from the NASA scientists who assemble him, he begins to develop human-like feelings. Human emotions or not, launch day comes, and Res blasts off to Mars, accompanied by a friendly drone helicopter named Fly. As he navigates Mars's difficult landscape, Res is tested in ways that go beyond space exploration.



## Wingbearer (F&P Q)

Marjorie M. Liu

Zuli is extraordinary—she just doesn't realize it yet. Raised by mystical bird spirits in the branches of the Great Tree, she's never ventured beyond this safe haven. Until now. A sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the tree, and Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly, must get to the root of it. So begins an

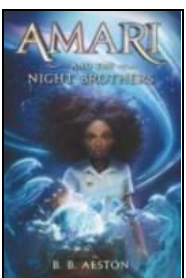
adventure bigger than anything Zuli could've ever imagined—one that will bring her face-to-face with an ancient dragon, the so-called Witch-Queen, and most surprisingly: her true identity.



## Hummingbird (F&P V)

Natalie Lloyd

Born with incurable brittle bone disease, Olive has done well with homeschooling, but she longs to attend middle school and hopes to make at least one good friend there. After she promises to use her wheelchair at school, and Hatch, her stepbrother and soon-to-be classmate, reluctantly agrees to help Olive, her parents give consent. Immediately, a storm of white "feather-snow" begins outdoors, heralding a phenomenon from local lore: a hummingbird will soon appear to certain people in their Tennessee community and grant their wishes. In the drama group at school, Olive and her new friend, Grace, prepare for a play. Along with Hatch, they begin to search for the hummingbird. Each has a cherished wish, but when magic intersects with reality, odd things happen.



## Amari And The Night Brothers (F&P Z)

B. B. Alston

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. So when she discovers a ticking briefcase in his closet containing a nomination for a summer tryout at

the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton.



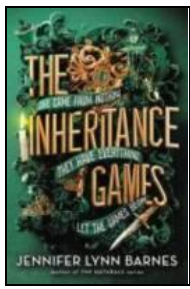
## Ungifted (F&P V)


Gordon Korman

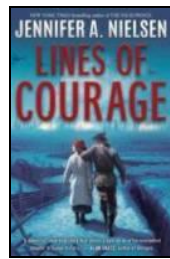
Donovan is an impulse-driven prankster who manages to alienate both the students and faculty of his middle school. When Donovan ends up on the carpet, the district superintendent accidentally adds his name to the roll of gifted students at the Academy for Scholastic Distinction. Although he flounders at his new school, Donovan ends up humanizing a program that focuses on academic achievement and ignores the social aspects of students' success.




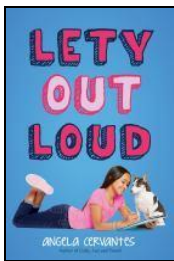
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**The Inheritance Games (F&P R)**   
*Jennifer Lynn Barnes*  
 Avery Grambs is used to maximizing her options. Her mom's dead and her dad's out of the picture, but she and her optimistic-despite-everything half sister scrape by. When Avery is summoned to the reading of Texas billionaire Tobias Hawthorne's will, she's utterly perplexed; she never even met the man. She's even more bewildered to learn that he left almost his entire estate not to his daughters or grandsons but to her, with one condition: Avery must move into Hawthorne House, a giant mansion filled with puzzles, secret passages, and Tobias' deeply irked actual family, for a year. As she delves into the mysteries of the house, Avery also becomes caught up with the four Hawthorne brothers, all raised on secrets, each with his own deeply held motivation.





**Lines Of Courage (F&P X)**   
*Jennifer Nielsen*  
 What does it mean to have courage? Nielsen (*Words on Fire*, 2019) examines this question through the stories of five tweens in the midst of WWI, offering varied perspectives and showing children caught on each side of the war. There is Felix, a Jewish boy in Austria-Hungary whose family must find a way to survive; Kara in Great Britain, volunteering with the Red Cross; Juliette in France, who is trying to save her imprisoned father; Dimitri, a Russian soldier; and Elsa, a girl from Germany. Over the course of five years, their lives will become interconnected in ways they never thought possible.





**Lety Out Loud (F&P T)**   
*Angela Cervantes*  
 Ever since she moved to Kansas from Tlaquepaque, Mexico, Lety Muoz has spent her summers at school with the other ELL students working to improve her English; but after finishing fifth grade, she's trying something new and attending a summer camp at the animal shelter. She's immediately drawn to both Spike, a dog she wants to adopt, and the job of shelter scribe, the person who writes profiles of the adoptable dogs and cats for the shelter's website. But Hunter also wants the job, and thinks he can do a much better job than Lety, since she's still learning English while he is already reading and writing at a high school level. Encouraged by their friends, the two end up in a secret competition to determine who gets to be the sole scribe.




**Iveliz Explains It All (F&P Y)**   
*Andrea Beatriz Arango*  
 Seventh grade is going to be Iveliz's year. She's going to make a new friend, help her abuela Mimi get settled after moving from Puerto Rico, and she is not going to get into any more trouble at school... Except is that what happens? Of course not. Because no matter how hard Iveliz tries, sometimes people say things that just make her so mad. And worse, Mimi keeps saying Iveliz's medicine is unnecessary-even though it helps Iveliz feel less sad. But how do you explain your feelings to others when you're not even sure what's going on yourself?



**Merci Suarez Changes Gears (F&P Y)**   
*Meg Medina*  
 When bossy Edna Santos sets her sights on the new boy who happens to be Merci's school-assigned Sunshine Buddy, Merci becomes the target of Edna's jealousy. Things aren't going well at home, either: Merci's grandfather and most trusted ally, Lolo, has been acting strangely lately— forgetting important things, falling from his bike, and getting angry over nothing.



**Attack of the Black Rectangles (F&P Y)**   
*A.S. King*  
 Sixth grader Mac Delaney isn't sure what to expect after being assigned to Ms. Sett's class. She's famous – "as famous as a person can get in our town" – for writing letters to the newspaper decrying everything from junk food to girls wearing shorts in school. She seems okay, though, on the first day of school, promising her students she'll treat them like adults – as long as they follow classroom rules. "We don't tolerate any of the behaviors your age group usually indulges in." For "lit circle," Mac picks Jane Yolen's *The Devil's Arithmetic* (classroom rule: Don't Read Ahead!), but he and his groupmates soon encounter a series of "ugly black rectangles" covering up words. When they discover what's been censored, they decide to take action, finding allies and adversaries in unexpected places.