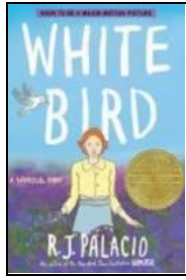


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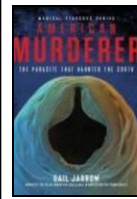


White Bird (F&P Y)

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

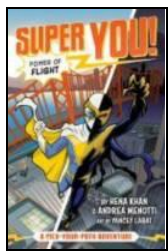
from Nazi soldiers as a child, Grandmere reluctantly agrees. Cruelly teased by schoolmates, Julien becomes Sara's protector after Nazis invade their progressive school.



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

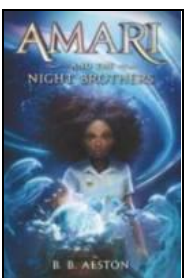
adventure bigger than anything Zuli could've ever imagined—one that will bring her face-to-face with an ancient dragon, the so-called Witch-Queen, and most surprisingly: her true identity.



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.

