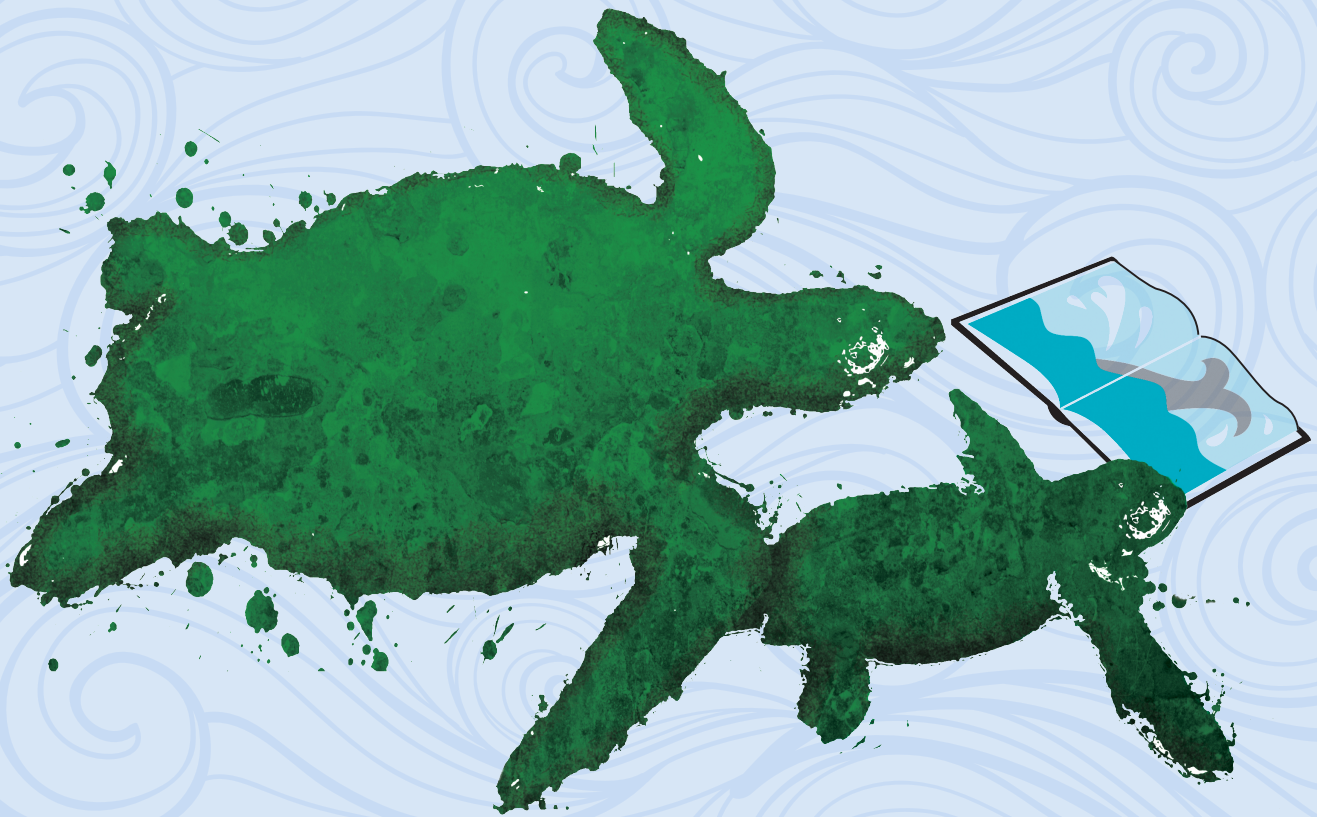


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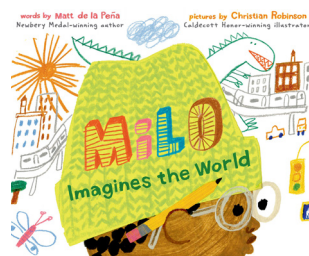
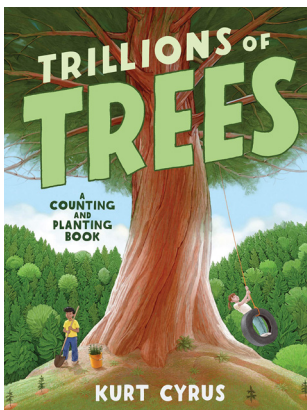
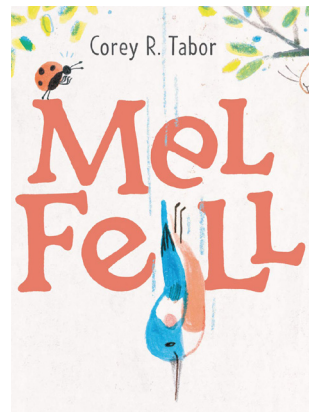


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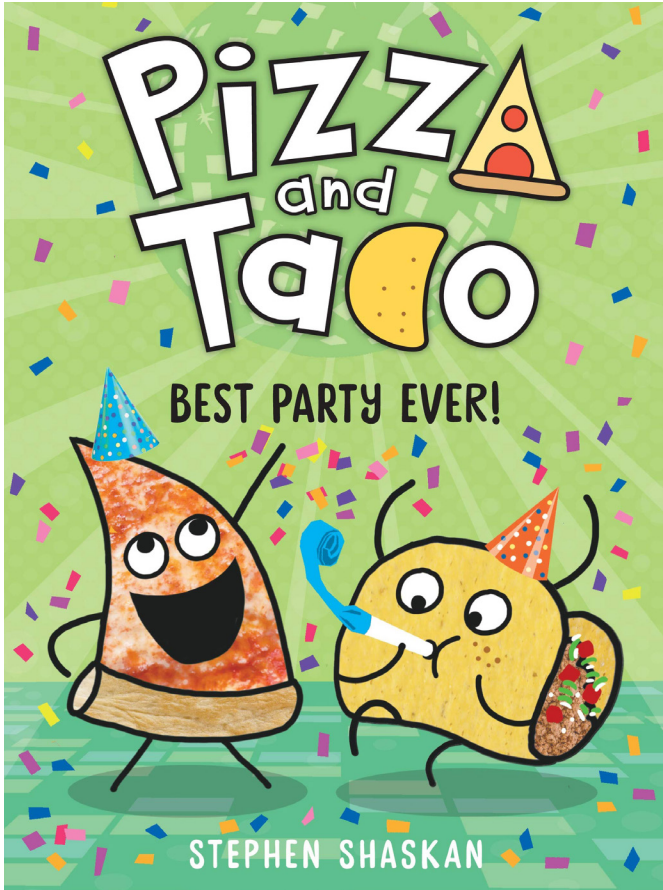
Once Upon a Dragon's Fire by Beatrice Blue

Why we love it:

Do you know how dragons got their fiery breath? Sylas and Freya love to spend their days reading stories of horrible, scary dragons. When their village falls into a time of cold despair, they believe a dragon must be the cause! Freya and Sylas set off to find the evil culprit, but what they find isn't quite the frightening monster from their stories. This is a gorgeously illustrated tale about compassion and finding the truth for yourself.



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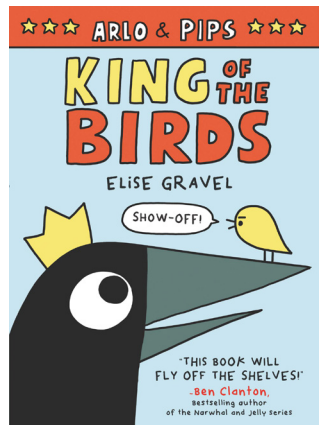
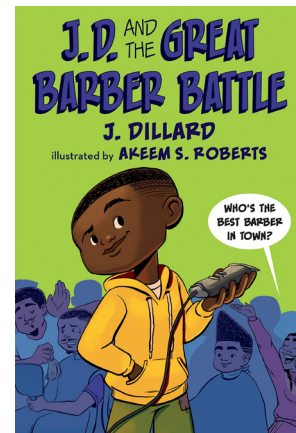
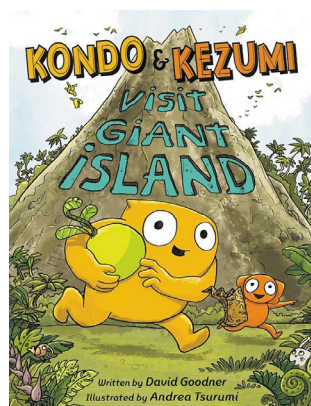
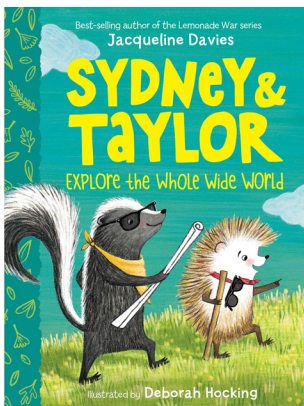
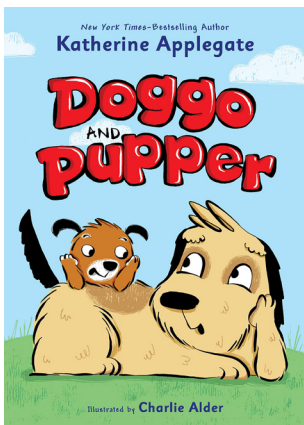


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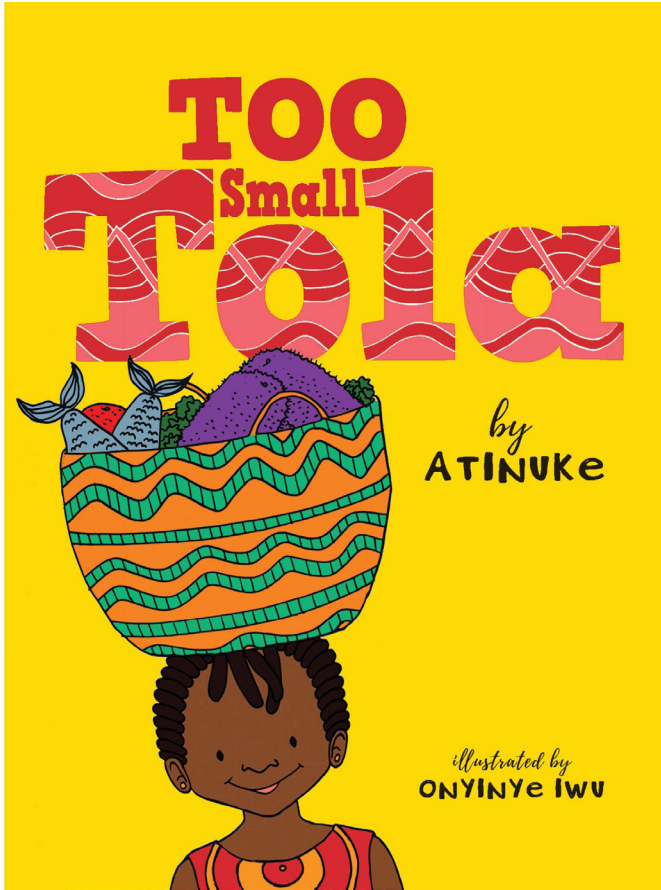
Pizza and Taco: Best Party Ever by Stephen Shaskan

Why we love it:

Get ready for the most yummy and awesome party ever! Pizza and Taco are bored one day, so they plan a party. But soon, everything starts to go wrong! All of a sudden, the awesome party is a total disaster, and they have no idea what to do next. This wacky story is perfect for young or reluctant readers and will have readers entertained and laughing the whole time.



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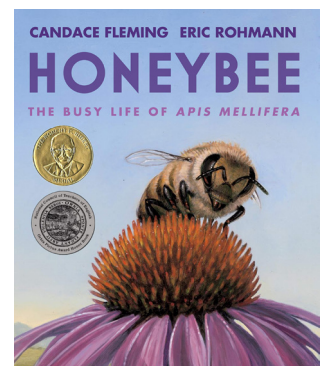
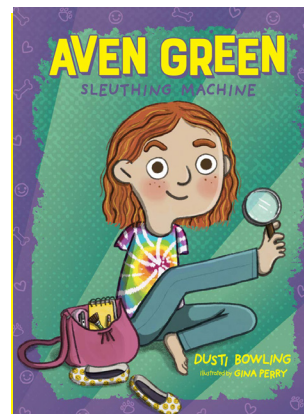
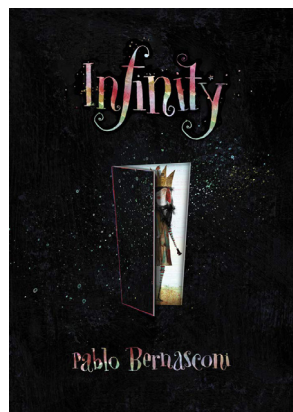
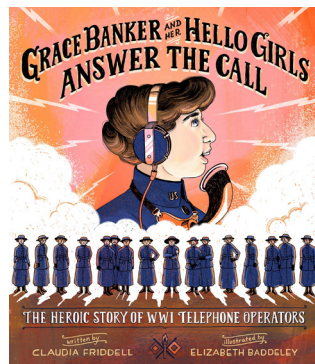
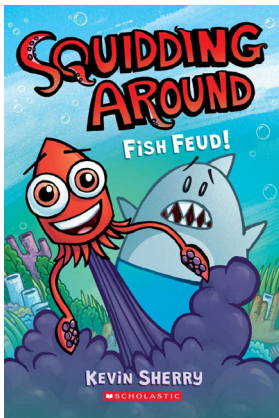


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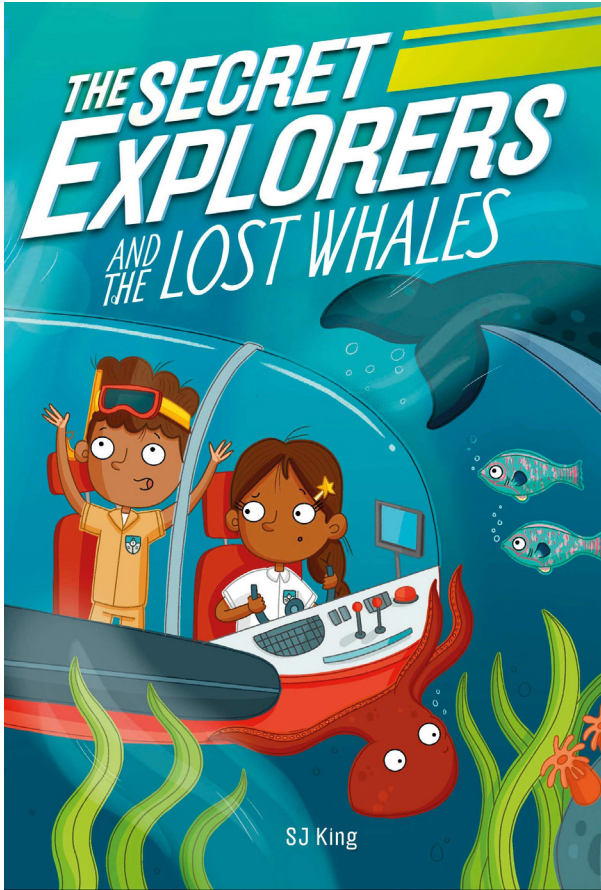
Too Small Tola by Atinuke

Why we love it:

The littlest one in the family can't be held back. Little Tola helps all those around her and even helps to save her neighbor's business when tragedy strikes. Learn all about life in Nigeria through the eyes of Tola. Great conversation starter for kids learning about the world.



Grade 3

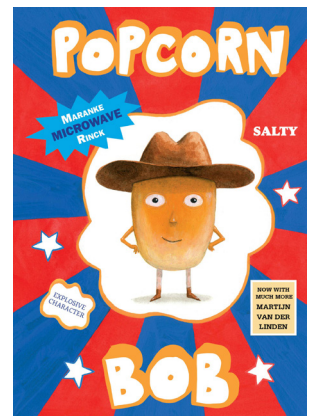
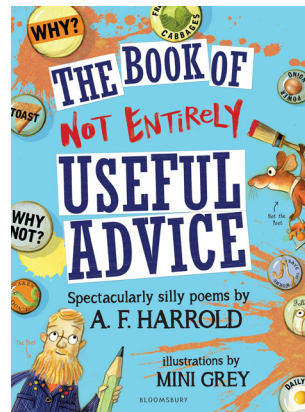
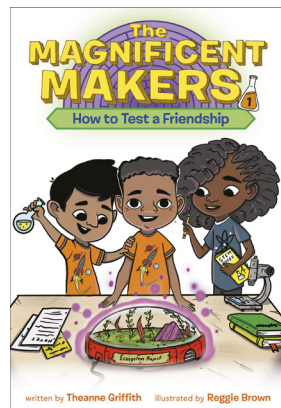
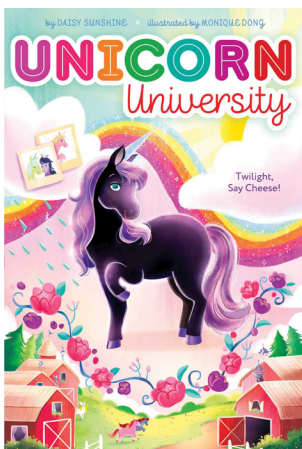
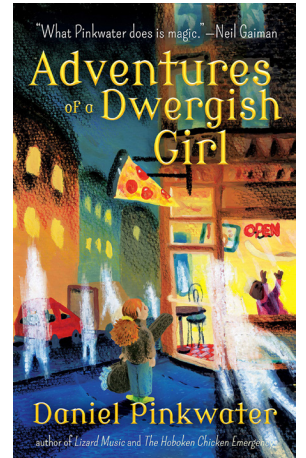
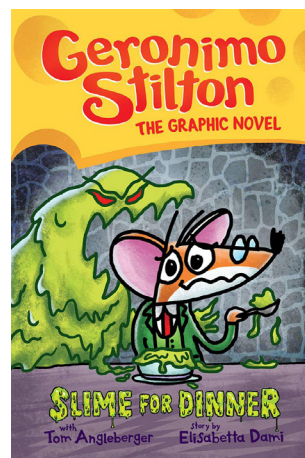
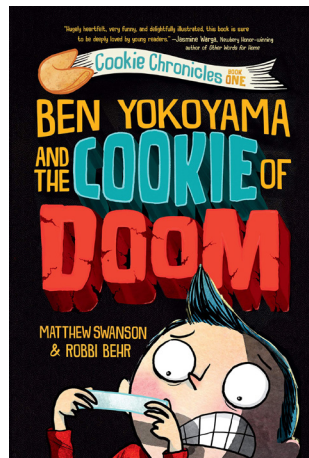


Librarian favorite:

The Secret Explorers and the Lost Whales by S.J. King

Why we love it:

This group of kids is up to any challenge, and stepping through the Exploration Station, they encounter their first mission. Connor leads the group on an undersea expedition to save a pod of lost whales, but then they find themselves in a wave of trouble. Follow their adventures in this exciting new series.



Grade 4

allergic



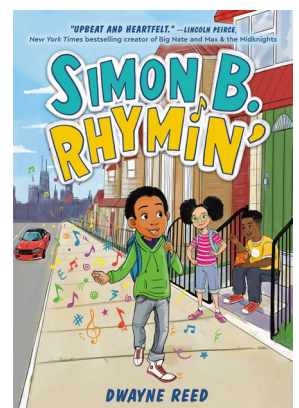
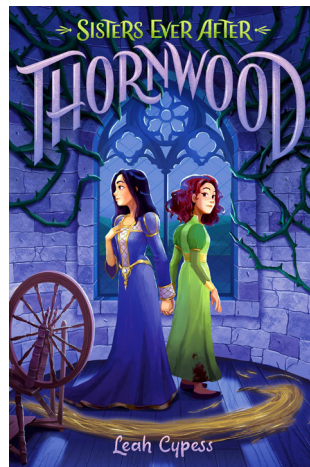
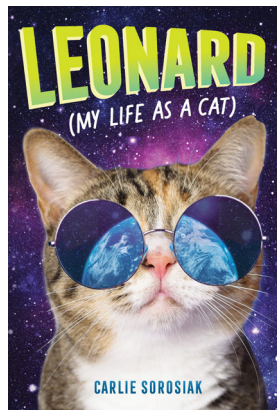
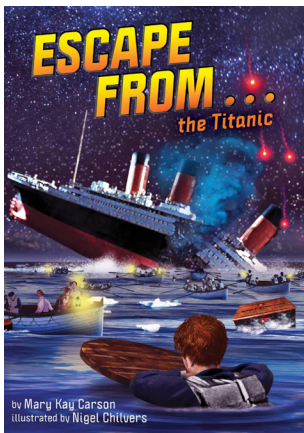
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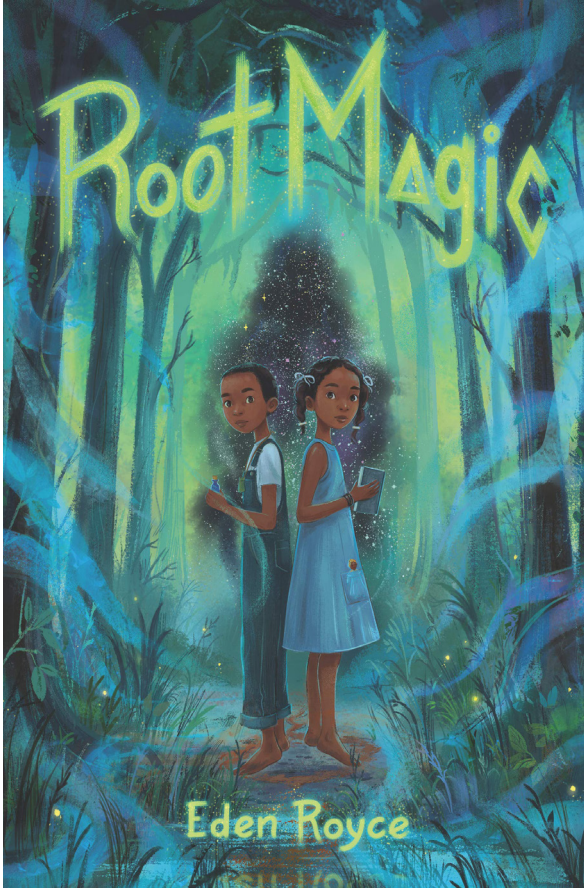
Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd

Why we love it:

Almost everybody wants to get a dog at some point. Maggie is turning 10 and is so excited because her parents have promised to get a family dog for her birthday. With her family experiencing a lot of change, Maggie is so excited to have a wish come true. Then she learns that she is severely allergic to all pets with hair/fur. Find out how she learns to cope in this new graphic novel.



Grade 5



Librarian favorite:

Root Magic by Eden Royce

Why we love it:

The perfect blend of history, magic, horror, and humor will keep readers turning the pages of this magical adventure. 11-year-old twins, Jezebel and Jay, are trained in rootwork by their uncle. They soon discover that it is not simply potions and powders that he and their grandmother hand out to the people in their community. When something supernatural threatens the town, Jezebel must use every ounce of the magic she has inside of her to survive. This novel is set in 1963 in the South. It discusses racism and breathes to life the history and culture of the Gullah people in a spellbinding story about family and bravery.

