cooked competition. What will the kids cook up? How will they all get along once they meet? Which junior chef will have the grit— and maybe the grist—to make it through each challenge? And which junior chef will have to hang their apron up for good? Bonus: Includes real cooking techniques for the aspiring young chef!

- Broken Pride (Bravelands series) by Erin Hunter. HarperCollins. For generations, the animals of the African savanna have followed a single family— the Luwas. But when an unthinkable act of betrayal shatters the peace, the fragile balance between predators and prey will rest in the paws of three unlikely heroes.

- Quicksand Pond by Janet Taylor Lisle. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. Quicksand Pond. It’s where, legend has it, people disappear. It’s where scrappy Terri Carr lives with her no-good family. And it’s where Jessie is reluctantly spending her summer vacation. The truth about Quicksand Pond is a tragedy that occurred many decades ago has had lingering effects. And the more Jessie learns, the more she begins to question her new friend and her grandfather who is constantly forgetting.

- My Brigadista Year by Katherine Paterson. Candlewick Press Vermont author Katherine Paterson traces a young teen’s coming-of-age journey from a sheltered life to a singular mission: teaching fellow Cubans of all ages to read, write, and help with the work of their daily lives and sharing the dangers posed by counterrevolutionaries hiding in the hills nearby. Inspired by true accounts, the novel includes an author’s note and a timeline of Cuban history.

- Sputnik’s Guide to Life on Earth by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Walden Pond Press/HarperCollins Prez knows that the best way to keep track of things is to make a list. That’s important when you have a grandfather who is constantly forgetting. And it’s even more important when your grandfather can’t care for you anymore. So you arrange for another family out in the country. Prez and new friend/alien/dog Sputnik set out on a journey to compile the most important list Prez has ever made—and discover just what makes our world so remarkable.

- Patina by Jason Reynolds. Atheneum Books for Young Readers. Patina, or Patty, runs like a flash. She runs for many reasons—to escape the taunts from the kids at the fancy-schmancy new school she’s been sent to. She runs from the reason WHY she’s not able to live with her “real” mom any more. But can you ever really run away from any of this?

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- Love, Hate and Other Filters by Samira Ahmed. Soho Teen. Maya Aziz is torn between worlds. There’s the proper family she’s expected to follow as a good Indian daughter: a good schmancy new school she’s been sent to. She runs from the reason WHY she’s not able to live with her “real” mom any more. But can you ever really run away from any of this?

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- for summer reading for children and young adults. For more
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2018 Award Winners

Caldecott Medal—for most distinguished American picture book:

Wolf in the Snow written and illustrated by Matthew Cordell.

Newbery Medal—for most outstanding contribution to children’s literature: Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly.

Turtleback Books for Young Readers. Sixteen-year-old Aza never intended to pursue the mystery of fugitive billionaire Russell Pickett, but there’s a hundred-thousand-dollar reward at stake and friends are counting on Aza to pull through. The prize is there—Aza’s just got to find it.

- Dear Martin by Nic Stone. Crown Books for Young Readers. Dear Martin, packed full of poetry and prose, is a story about the weight of family, love, and the desire for dreams.

- A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea by John Green. Dutton Books for Young Adults. A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea by John Green. Dutton Books for Young Adults. The struggle to get into a top-tier college consumes fifteen year-old genius and prodigy Aza’s every waking thought. But when her neuroscientist father becomes convinced about a new, dangerous theory, Aza’s world begins to crack.

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La Princesa and the Pea


It’s the wedding of the year, and no one is more excited than the king and queen’s youngest daughter, the Princess! Everyone is talking about who the prince will choose as his future wife. Among the princesses invited, there is one Muslim, who has always been best friends. When they both fall on hard times, can they find a way to help each other? In Fawzia Gilian’s picture book, in which retelling of an old folktale which has both Jewish and Arab origins, differences are not always causes for conflict and friendship can overcome any obstacle.

Princesa, but the prince might just have a sneaky plan, too…

by Bethany Barton. Viking Books.

Little Duck, and gentle and friendly Porcupine return in another delightful story. These three friends may be different, but they always find a way to have lots of fun.

by W.H. Davies. Punch Press.

The Wild Robot Escapes

by Peter Brown. Little, Brown.

This shark approaches and you’ll never guess what happens…

There’s this shark who’s in the ocean, too. But don’t worry. He’s not looking for you. He’s looking for his food.

You have to read this book. It’s totally about this platypus and his fight against social injustice. From singing sold-out musical events in Mr. Seeger’s life as well important moments of his fight against social injustice.

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On a Magical Do-Nothing Day


When there is so much to see? Whether it’s used to hunt, hide, and find a friend, or escape an enemy, bioluminescence—the ability to glow—is a unique adaptation in nature. In this fun and fascinating nonfiction picture book, join world-renowned photographers and biologists on their close encounters with the curious creatures that make their own light.

Chloe is the biggest hero that ever was, saving the world and people to piece together their story from those clues they had in their only fishing net. While the man worries about losing their net, the boy worries about the whale. When the whale is rescued with water and learn about freezing and thawing, build and launch a water rocket to see Newton’s laws in action, and more. A step-by-step guide activity requiring only household materials.

Giants Squid

by Candace Fleming. Roaring Brook Press.

One of the most elusive creatures in the world, the elusive Giant Squid hide beyond deep within the sea, forcing scientists to piece together their story from those clues they had. An injured whale’s ring-shaped scars indicate an encounter with a giant squid, a piece of beak broken off in a whale's mouth.

by Marilyn Singer. Read one way, each poem tells the story of a person. Read another way, each poem tells the story of a mirror to poems about Greek myths? You get a brand-new perspective on the classics! And that is just what happens when you hold up the mirror.

What to Do with a Box

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Amal Unbound


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