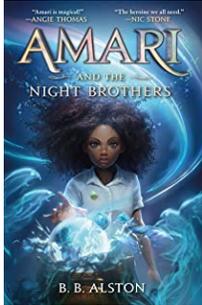


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## Top Ten Picks



### **Amari and the Night Brothers** by B.B. Alston

Thirteen-year-old Amari, a poor Black girl from the projects, gets an invitation from her missing brother to join the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs and join in the fight against an evil magician.



### **Black Brother, Black Brother** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place.



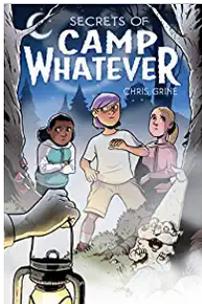
### **Witches of Brooklyn** by Sophie Escabasse

Effie lost her mom. Lost her home. And now she has to live with two strange aunts who she's never met before. Life in Brooklyn takes a strange twist for Effie as she learns more about her family and herself. With new friends, a cursed pop-star, and her new magically-inclined family -- Effie's life is about to get interesting.



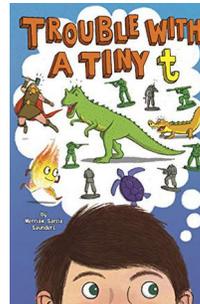
### **Trouble in the Stars** by Sarah Prineas

Trouble knows two things: they are a shapeshifter, and they are running from something--but they don't know what. So when the StarLeague shows up, Trouble figures it's time to flee.



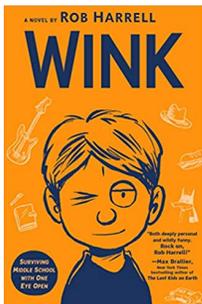
### **The Secrets of Camp Whatever** by Chris Grine

Willow doesn't want to go to her dad's weird old summer camp any more than she wants her family to move to the weird old town where that camp is located. But her family--and fate itself--seem to have plans of their own. Soon Willow finds herself neck-deep in a mystery involving stolen snacks, suspected vampires, and missing campers.



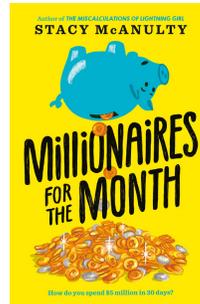
### **Trouble with a Tiny T** by Merriam Sarcia Saunders

Twelve-year-old Westin Hopper gets in trouble--a lot. At home, at school, at his grandparents' house. . . . His ADHD always seems to mess with his brain, making him do impulsive things. So when Westin finds a magic bag that makes his thoughts come alive, he thinks it's the ticket to fixing his life.



### **Wink** by Rob Harrell

Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn't want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don't know what to say to "the cancer kid." But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table.



### **Millionaires for the Month** by Stacy McAnulty

After seventh graders Benji and Felix "borrow" \$20 from a lost wallet, the billionaire owner challenges them to spend over \$5 million dollars in thirty days in order to learn life lessons about money



### **The Lion of Mars** by Jennifer L. Holm.

Bell has spent his whole life--all eleven years of it--on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid--he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't have contact with anyone on the other Mars colonies? When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help.



### **The Elephant in the Room** by Holly Goldberg Sloan

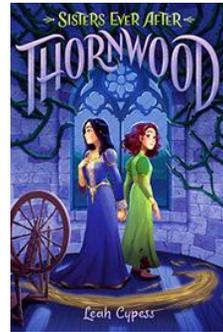
Missing her mother who has returned to Turkey to resolve an immigration problem, sixth-grader Sila welcomes a very large distraction in her life when she helps a surprising new friend rescue a circus elephant.

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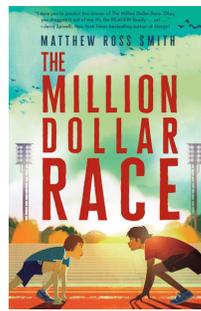
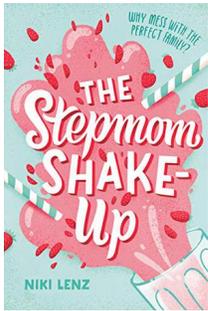
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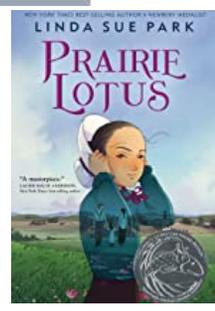
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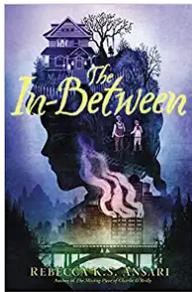
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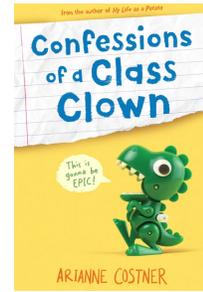
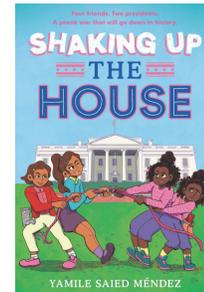
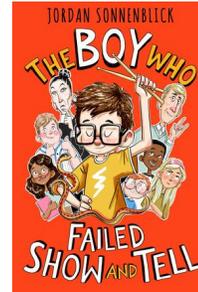
## HISTORICAL FICTION



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## LOL BOOKS



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