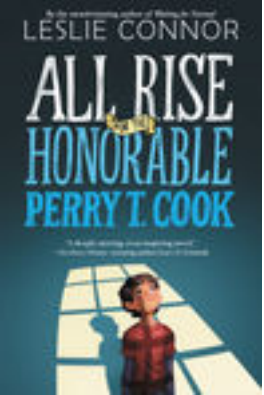
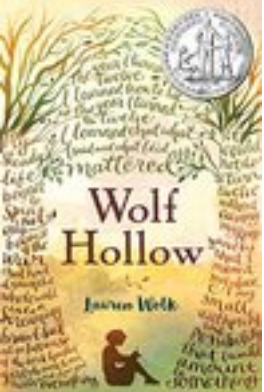


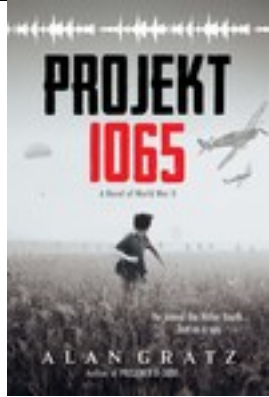





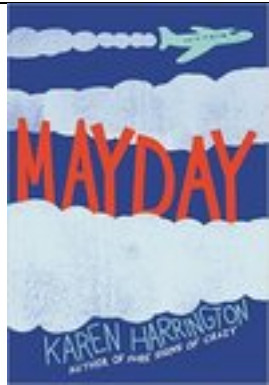

2017-2018 Georgia Award Winning Titles (Gr. 4-8)

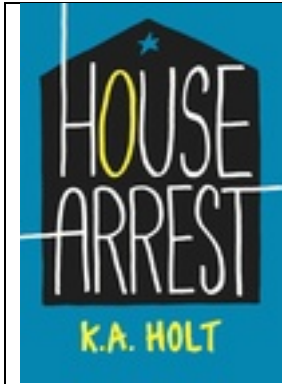
	<p>Leslie Connor AR 3.8</p>	<p>From Leslie Connor, award-winning author of <i>Waiting for Normal</i> and <i>Crunch</i>, comes a soaring and heartfelt story about love, forgiveness, and how innocence makes us all rise up. <i>All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook</i> is a powerful story, perfect for fans of <i>Wonder</i> and <i>When You Reach Me</i>.</p> <p>Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth—and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home.</p> <p>When Perry moves to the “outside” world, he feels trapped. Desperate to be reunited with his mom, Perry goes on a quest for answers about her past crime. As he gets closer to the truth, he will discover that love makes people resilient no matter where they come from . . . but can he find a way to tell everyone what home truly means?</p>
	<p>Lauren Wolk AR 4.9</p>	<p>Growing up in the shadows cast by two world wars, Annabelle has lived a mostly quiet, steady life in her small Pennsylvania town. Until the day new student Betty Glengarry walks into her class. Betty quickly reveals herself to be cruel and manipulative, and while her bullying seems isolated at first, things quickly escalate, and reclusive World War I veteran Toby becomes a target of her attacks. While others have always seen Toby’s strangeness, Annabelle knows only kindness. She will soon need to find the courage to stand as a lone voice of justice as tensions mount.</p> <p>Brilliantly crafted, <i>Wolf Hollow</i> is a haunting tale of America at a crossroads and a time when one girl’s resilience, strength, and compassion help to illuminate the darkest corners of our history.</p>

	<p>Peter Brown AR 5.1</p>	<p>When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. When she tries to care for an orphaned gosling, the other animals finally decide to help, and the island starts to feel like home. Until one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her....</p>
	<p>Paul Griffin AR 4.1</p>	<p>A boy's chance encounter with a scruffy dog leads to an unforgettable friendship in this deeply moving story about life, loss, and the meaning of family</p> <p>Ben Coffin has never felt like he fits in. A former foster kid, he keeps his head down at school to avoid bullies and spends his afternoons reading sci-fi books at the library. But that all changes when he finds a scruffy abandoned dog named Flip and befriends the librarian's daughter, Halley. For the first time, Ben starts to feel like he belongs in his own life. Then, everything changes, and suddenly, Ben is more alone than ever. But with a little help from Halley's magician father, Ben discovers his place in the world and learns to see his own magic through others' eyes.</p> <p>Equal parts heartbreaking and heartwarming, this book is a must-read for dog lovers and fans of emotionally resonant middle grade novels like <i>One for the Murphys</i> and <i>Okay for Now</i>.</p>

	<p>Alan Gratz AR 5.3</p>	<p>Infiltrate. Befriend. Sabotage.</p> <p>World War II is raging. Michael O'Shaunessey, originally from Ireland, now lives in Nazi Germany with his parents. Like the other boys in his school, Michael is a member of the Hitler Youth.</p> <p>But Michael has a secret. He and his parents are spies.</p> <p>Michael despises everything the Nazis stand for. But he joins in the Hitler Youth's horrific games and book burnings, playing the part so he can gain insider knowledge.</p> <p>When Michael learns about Projekt 1065, a secret Nazi war mission, things get even more complicated. He must prove his loyalty to the Hitler Youth at all costs -- even if it means risking everything he cares about.</p> <p>Including... his own life.</p> <p>From acclaimed author Alan Gratz (<i>Prisoner B-3087</i>) comes a pulse-pounding novel about facing fears and fighting for what matters most.</p>
	<p>Leila Sales AR 5.1</p>	<p>In the war-ravaged England of 1940, Charlotte Bromley is sure of only one thing: Kitty McLaughlin is her best friend in the whole world. But when Charlotte's scientist father makes an astonishing discovery that the Germans will covet for themselves, Charlotte is faced with an impossible choice between danger and safety. Should she remain with her friend or journey to another time and place? Her split-second decision has huge consequences, and when she finds herself alone in the world, unsure of Kitty's fate, she knows that somehow, some way, she must find her way back to her friend. Written in the spirit of classic time-travel tales, this book is an imaginative and heartfelt tribute to the unbreakable ties of friendship.</p>

	<p>Nora Raleigh Baskin AR 4.8</p>	<p>From the critically acclaimed author of <i>Anything But Typical</i> comes a touching look at the days leading up to the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and how that day impacted the lives of four middle schoolers.</p> <p>Ask anyone: September 11, 2001, was serene and lovely, a perfect day—until a plane struck the World Trade Center.</p> <p>But right now it is a few days earlier, and four kids in different parts of the country are going about their lives. Sergio, who lives in Brooklyn, is struggling to come to terms with the absentee father he hates and the grandmother he loves. Will's father is gone, too, killed in a car accident that has left the family reeling. Nadira has never before felt uncomfortable about being Muslim, but at her new school she's getting funny looks because of the head scarf she wears. Amy is starting a new school in a new city and missing her mom, who has to fly to New York on business.</p> <p>These four don't know one another, but their lives are about to intersect in ways they never could have imagined. Award-winning author Nora Raleigh Baskin weaves together their stories into an unforgettable novel about that seemingly perfect September day—the day our world changed forever.</p>
	<p>John David Anderson AR 5.2</p>	<p>Everyone knows there are different kinds of teachers. The good ones. The not-so-good ones. The boring ones, the mean ones, the ones who try too hard. The ones you'll never remember, and the ones you want to forget. But Ms. Bixby is none of these. She's the sort of teacher who makes you feel like the indignity of school is worthwhile. Who makes the idea of growing up less terrifying. Who you never want to disappoint. What Ms. Bixby is, is one of a kind.</p> <p>Topher, Brand, and Steve know this better than anyone. And so when Ms. Bixby unexpectedly announces that she is very sick and won't be able to finish the school year, they come up with a plan. Through the three very different stories they tell, we begin to understand just what Ms. Bixby means to Topher, Brand, and Steve—and what they are willing to go to such great lengths to tell her.</p> <p>John David Anderson, the acclaimed author of <i>Sidekicked</i>, returns with a story of three kids, a very special teacher, and one day that none of them will ever forget.</p>

	<p>Karen Harrington AR 4.2</p>	<p>A powerful coming-of-age story about the importance of finding your voice</p> <p>Wayne Kovok lives in a world of After. After his uncle in the army was killed overseas. After Wayne and his mother survived a plane crash while coming back from the funeral. After he lost his voice.</p> <p>Wayne has always used his love of facts to communicate ("Did you know more people die each year from shaking a vending machine than from shark attacks?"). Without his voice, how will he wow the prettiest girl in school? How will he stand up to his drill-sergeant grandfather? And how will he share his hopes with his deadbeat dad? It's not until Wayne loses his voice completely that he realizes how much he doesn't say.</p> <p>Filled with Karen Harrington's signature heart and humor, Mayday tackles an unforgettable journey of family and friendship.</p>
	<p>Donna Gephart AR 4.3</p>	<p>Author Donna Gephart crafts a dual narrative about two remarkable young people: Lily, a transgender girl, and Dunkin, a boy dealing with bipolar disorder.</p> <p>Sometimes our hearts see things our eyes can't.</p> <p>Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Especially when you're in the eighth grade.</p> <p>Dunkin Dorfman, birth name Norbert Dorfman, is dealing with bipolar disorder and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse.</p> <p>One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.</p>



K.A. Holt
AR 4.0

Stealing is bad.

Yeah.

I know.

But my brother Levi is always so sick, and his medicine is always so expensive.

I didn't think anyone would notice,
if I took that credit card,
if, in one stolen second,
I bought Levi's medicine.

But someone did notice.

Now I have to prove I'm not a delinquent, I'm not a total bonehead.

That one quick second turned into
juvie
a judge
a year of house arrest,
a year of this court-ordered journal,
a year to avoid messing up
and being sent back to juvie
so fast my head will spin.

It's only 1 year.



Only 52 weeks.


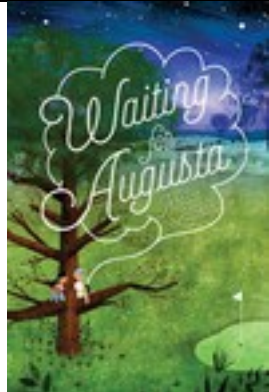
Only 365 days.


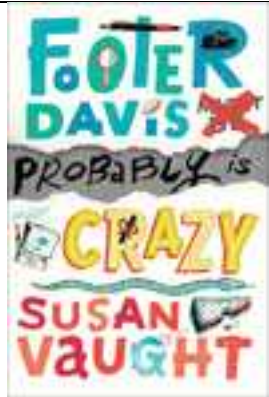
Only 8,760 hours.



Only 525,600 minutes.

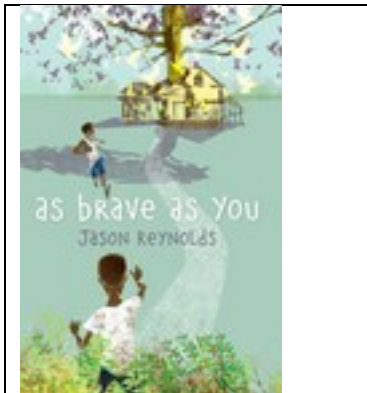
What could go wrong?

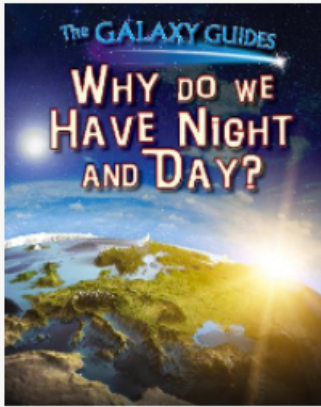
	<p>Sara Pennypacker AR 5.3</p>	<p>Pax was only a kit when his family was killed, and “his boy” Peter rescued him from abandonment and certain death. Now the war front approaches, and when Peter’s father enlists, Peter has to move in with his grandpa. Far worse than being forced to leave home is the fact that Pax can’t go. Peter listens to his stern father—as he usually does—and throws Pax’s favorite toy soldier into the woods. When the fox runs to retrieve it, Peter and his dad get back in the car and leave him there—alone. But before Peter makes it through even one night under his grandfather’s roof, regret and duty spur him to action; he packs for a trek to get his best friend back and sneaks into the night. This is the story of Peter, Pax, and their independent struggles to return to one another against all odds. Told from the alternating viewpoints of Peter and Pax.</p>
	<p>Shelley Pearsall AR 5.1</p>	<p>It was a bitterly cold day when Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge—he is ready to send Arthur to juvie for the foreseeable future. Amazingly, it’s the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.</p> <p>Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the Seven Most Important Things: glass bottles, foil, cardboard, pieces of wood, lightbulbs, coffee cans, and mirrors. He can’t believe it—is he really supposed to rummage through people’s trash? But it isn’t long before Arthur realizes there’s more to the Junk Man than meets the eye, and the “trash” he’s collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could imagine. . . .</p> <p>Inspired by the work of American folk artist James Hampton.</p>

	<p>Mike Jung AR 5.2</p>	<p>The next person who compares Chloe Cho with famous violinist Abigail Yang is going to HEAR it. Chloe has just about had it with people not knowing the difference between someone who's Chinese, Japanese, or Korean. She's had it with people thinking that everything she does well -- getting good grades, winning first chair in the orchestra, etCETera -- are because she's ASIAN.</p> <p>Of course, her own parents don't want to have anything to DO with their Korean background. Any time Chloe asks them a question they change the subject. They seem perfectly happy to be the only Asian family in town. It's only when Chloe's with her best friend, Shelly, that she doesn't feel like a total alien.</p> <p>Then a new teacher comes to town: Ms. Lee. She's Korean American, and for the first time Chloe has a person to talk to who seems to understand completely. For Ms. Lee's class, Chloe finally gets to explore her family history. But what she unearths is light-years away from what she expected.</p>
	<p>Jessica Lawson AR 5.0</p>	<p>Eleven-year-old Benjamin Putter has a lump in his throat, and he's certain it's a golf ball. He knows it sounds crazy, but everything's been topsy-turvy since his father died last month. And he doesn't know how to fix it.</p> <p>Then, one day, something starts tugging at Ben, telling him to hurry to Augusta, Georgia—home of the most famous golf course in the world.</p> <p>Ben might be going a little crazy, but escaping Hilltop, Alabama, sounds like a darn good idea. (And just maybe it will make that lump go away.) As he makes his way to Augusta, Ben partners up with a mysterious runaway named Noni, and they embark on a journey full of strange and wonderful surprises—and possibly magic—at every turn.</p> <p>A profound tale of love, loss, and family.</p>

	<p>Eric Dinerstein AR 5.6</p>	<p>Abandoned in the jungle of the Nepalese Borderlands, two-year-old Nandu is found living under the protective watch of a pack of wild dogs. From his mysterious beginnings, fate delivers him to the King's elephant stable, where he is raised by unlikely parents—the wise head of the stable, <i>Subba-sahib</i>, and Devi Kali, a fierce and affectionate female elephant.</p> <p>When the king's government threatens to close the stable, Nandu, now twelve, searches for a way to save his family and community. A plan to reinvent the elephant stable could be the answer. But to succeed, they'll need a great tusker. Their future is in Nandu's hands as he sets out to find a bull elephant and bring him back to the Borderlands.</p> <p>In simple poetic prose, author Eric Dinerstein brings to life Nepal's breathtaking jungle wildlife and rural culture, as seen through the eyes of a young outcast, struggling to find his place in the world.</p>
	<p>Susan Vaught AR 4.9</p>	<p>Footer Davis is on the case when two kids go missing after a fire in this humorously honest novel that is full of Southern style.</p> <p>"Bless your heart" is a saying in the South that sounds nice but really isn't. It means, "You're beyond help." That's what folks say about fifth grader Footer Davis's mom, who "ain't right" because of her bipolar disorder. She just shot a snake in Footer's yard with an elephant gun, and now she's been shipped off to a mental hospital, and Footer is missing her fiercely yet again.</p> <p>"Bless their hearts" is also what folks say about Cissy and Doc Abrams, two kids who went missing after a house fire. Footer wants to be a journalist and her friend Peavine wants to be a detective, so the two decide to help with the mystery of the missing kids. But when visiting the crime scene makes Footer begin to have "episodes" of her own, she wonders if maybe she's getting sick like her mom, and that's a mystery that she's not at all sure she wants to solve.</p>

	<p>Don Brown AR 5.6</p>	<p>On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped \$100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives. The tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage—and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality.</p>
	<p>Richard Peck AR 4.1</p>	<p>Newbery Medalist Richard Peck brings us this big-hearted novel about gay marriage from a kid's endearing perspective</p> <p>When Archer is in sixth grade, his beloved uncle Paul marries another man—Archer's favorite student teacher. But that's getting ahead of the story, and a wonderful story it is. In Archer's sweetly naïve but observant voice, his life through elementary school is recounted: the outspoken, ever-loyal friends he makes, the teachers who blunder or inspire, and the family members who serve as his role models. From one exhilarating, unexpected episode to another, Archer's story rolls along as he puzzles over the people in his life and the kind of person he wants to become...and manages to help his uncle become his best self as well.</p>

	<p>Jason Reynolds AR 4.8</p>	<p>When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires—literally.</p> <p>Genie’s summer is full of surprises. The first is that he and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia—in the COUNTRY! The second surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind. Thunderstruck and—being a curious kid—Genie peppers Grandpop with questions about how he covers it so well (besides wearing way cool Ray-Bans).</p> <p>How does he match his clothes? Know where to walk? Cook with a gas stove? Pour a glass of sweet tea without spilling it? Genie thinks Grandpop must be the bravest guy he’s ever known, but he starts to notice that his grandfather never leaves the house—as in NEVER. And when he finds the secret room that Grandpop is always disappearing into—a room so full of songbirds and plants that it’s almost as if it’s been pulled inside-out—he begins to wonder if his grandfather is really so brave after all.</p> <p>Then Ernie lets him down in the bravery department. It’s his fourteenth birthday, and, Grandpop says to become a man, you have to learn how to shoot a gun. Genie thinks that is AWESOME until he realizes Ernie has no interest in learning how to shoot. None. Nada. Dumbfounded by Ernie’s reluctance, Genie is left to wonder—is bravery and becoming a man only about proving something, or is it just as important to own up to what you won’t do?</p>
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Alix Wood
AR 4.9

This title explores the relationship between Earth and the Sun. Readers will learn how and why Earth orbits the Sun, as well as the materials that make up the Sun. Readers will find answers to questions such as Do other planets have nights and days? and Where do stars go in the daytime? Easy-to-understand diagrams and text explain these quite complex scientific points in an age-appropriate and dynamic way. Hands-on science projects allow readers to create their own exciting experiments. Sidebars add useful information to enhance readers understanding.

