

### Sheets

by Brenna Thummler

CUBHOUSE, 2018  
ISBN: 97819413302675

A lonely 13-year-old tries to keep her recently deceased mother's laundromat from falling into the hands of a conniving neighbor, when a ghost from the Dead Youth Empathetics' support group enters her life and turns everything around.

### Sidekicks

by Dan Santat

ARTHUR A. LEVINE BOOKS, 2011  
ISBN: 9780439298193

Captain Amazing is looking for a new sidekick . . . and his pets want in on the action!

### Sisters

by Raina Telgemeier

GRAPHIX, 2014  
ISBN: 9780545540599

Road trip! In this companion to *Smile*, Raina is traveling with her family in a minivan from California to Colorado.

### Sparks

by Ian Boothby,

illustrated by  
Nina Matsumoto

GRAPHIX, 2018  
ISBN: 9781338029475

Can two cats in a dog suit save the city? Bright cartoon illustrations and cheeky humor certainly will.

### The Stonekeeper

by Kazu Kibuishi

GRAPHIX, 2008  
ISBN: 9780439846806

Emily, Navin, and their mother move into an inherited home after the death of their father. There they discover an entryway to another world and embark on a dangerous adventure. *(FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)*

### Suee and the Shadow

by Ginger Ly,

illustrated by Molly Park  
ABRAMS, 2017

ISBN: 9781419725647  
Something's strange about Outskirtsville Elementary School, new kid Suee just knows it. Things get even creepier when her shadow starts talking and other kids turn into hollow-eyed zombies.

### The Tea Dragon Society

by Katie O'Neill

ONI PRESS, 2017  
ISBN: 9781620104415

Apprentice blacksmith Greta learns about the care and keeping of adorable and mysterious tea dragons while her friendships with tea-dragon owners Hesekeel, Erik, and Minette deepen.

### The Time Museum

by Matthew Loux

FIRST SECOND, 2017  
ISBN: 9781596438491

A crew of time-traveling interns contend with perils ranging from the Cretaceous period to the very distant future.

### Tom's Midnight Garden

by Philippa Pearce,  
illustrated by Edith

GREENWILLOW BOOKS, 2018  
ISBN: 9780062696571

While his brother is under quarantine, Tom is sent to stay with his aunt and uncle, where he discovers a lush garden that only appears in the wee hours of the morning and where time operates differently for its inhabitants than it does for him.

### Where's Halmoni?

by Julie Kim

LITTLE BIGFOOT, 2017  
ISBN: 9781632170774

Two children search for their missing grandmother and fall into a fantastic adventure—meeting goblins, a greedy tiger, a clever rabbit, and a wily fox—and discover more about their heritage in this tale inspired by Korean folklore.



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**Belinda the Unbeatable**  
by Lee Nordling,  
illustrated by Scott Roberts  
GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2017  
ISBN: 9781512413311

When self-assured Belinda befriends shy Barbara at school, a gym game of musical chairs transforms into a magical, colorful competition in this wordless graphic fantasy.

**The Cardboard Kingdom**  
by Chad Sell

ALFRED A. KNOPF, 2018  
ISBN: 9781524719388

Sixteen imaginative kids transform their neighborhood into the Cardboard Kingdom. Their summer is filled with heroes, villains, battles, costumes, snacks, and, best of all, friends.

**CatStronauts:  
Mission Moon**  
by Drew Brockington

LITTLE, BROWN, 2017  
ISBN: 9780316307451

Can the quartet of CatStronauts complete a successful mission to the moon to set up solar panels to provide electricity to Earth? Rib-tickling wordplay and lovable, furry cats come together in this action-packed outer space adventure. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**The City on the Other Side**  
by Mairghread Scott,  
illustrated by Robin Robinson

FIRST SECOND, 2018  
ISBN: 9781250152558

Sheltered Isabel must prevent San Francisco from being destroyed by a fairy war in this action-packed fantasy-historical fiction mashup.

**Cleopatra in Space,  
Volume 1: Target Practice**  
by Mike Maihack

GRAPHIX, 2014  
ISBN: 9780545528436

The young Egyptian princess is transported far into the future, where she must prepare to save the Nile Galaxy—but she still has to take algebra, too! (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**The Dam Keeper**  
by Robert Kondo  
and Dice Tsutsumi

FIRST SECOND, 2017  
ISBN: 9781626724266

After the death of his father, Pig becomes the keeper of the Dam, his town's only protection against the deadly fog. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**Dog Man**  
by Dav Pilkey

GRAPHIX, 2016  
ISBN: 9780545581608

One police dog, one justice-loving cop, one life-changing surgery! Hilarious. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**The Dragon Slayer:  
Folktales from  
Latin America**

by Jaime Hernandez,  
illustrated by  
F. Isabel Campoy

TOON GRAPHICS, 2018  
ISBN: 9781943145294

Three traditional folktales from Latin America are given a modern twist in this full-color collection. Also available in Spanish as *La Matadragones: Cuentos de Latinoamérica* (ISBN: 9781943145317).

**Dream Jumper, Book One:  
Nightmare Escape**  
by Greg Grunberg  
and Lucas Turnbloom

GRAPHIX, 2016  
ISBN: 9780545826044

Ben is a dream jumper. He is also the only one who can awaken his friends and save them from the endless nightmare of the evil dream-monster. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**El Deafo**  
by Cece Bell

AMULET, 2014  
ISBN: 9781419710209

An autobiography about growing up deaf in a hearing world and the superpowers it takes to fit in and make and keep a good friend.

**5 Worlds, Vol. 1:  
The Sand Warrior**

by Mark Siegel and  
Alexis Siegel, illustrated  
by Xanthe Boume, Matt  
Rockefeller, and Boya Sun

RANDOM HOUSE, 2017  
ISBN: 9781101935866

Adventure and action abound in this thrilling tale of three heroes on a quest to save their worlds. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**Hilo: The Boy Who  
Crashed to Earth**  
by Judd Winick

RANDOM HOUSE, 2015  
ISBN: 9780385386173

Despite being the only normal kid in a family of overachievers, D.J. finds himself in the position of needing to save the world after he befriends a boy who fell from the sky. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**Illegal**

by Eoin Colfer and  
Andrew Donkin,  
illustrated by  
Giovanni Rigano

SOURCEBOOKS  
JABBERWOCKY, 2018  
ISBN: 9781492665823

A young boy, Ebo, leaves his native Ghana in search of his brother, Kwame, who is attempting to reach Europe in the hope of starting a better life.

**Lowriders:**

**Blast from the Past**  
by Cathy Camper,  
illustrated by  
Raul Gonzales III

CHRONICLE BOOKS, 2018  
ISBN: 9781452163154

Three new friends—Elirio, Lupe, and Flapjack—have some trouble with Las Matamoscas, a gang of bullies, but discover the power of friendship in the face of bullying. (PART OF A SERIES)

**Mighty Jack**  
by Ben Hatke

FIRST SECOND, 2016  
ISBN: 9781626722644

Jack trades his mother's car keys for a packet of seeds; once planted, they grow a magical and dangerous garden leading to another world. (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**My Beijing: Four Stories  
of Everyday Wonder**  
by Nie Jun

GRAPHIC UNIVERSE, 2018  
ISBN: 9781512445909

Yu'er and her grandfather discover the magic of their hutong, a neighborhood made up of narrow alleys. A treat for the senses, this story is filled with a host of lovable and unique community members.

**Nathan Hale's Hazardous  
Tales: Lafayette!**

by Nathan Hale

AMULET, 2018  
ISBN: 9781419731488

Laugh while you learn about the man who left the comforts of French nobility to fight alongside George Washington in the American Revolution. (PART OF A SERIES)

**New Shoes**

by Sara Varon

FIRST SECOND, 2018  
ISBN: 9781596439207

Francis the donkey, a cobbler commissioned to make fabulous shoes for the famous singer Miss Manatee, embarks on a journey to find just the right materials while learning about the plants and animals that live in the South American jungle.

**Nightlights**

by Lorena Alvarez

NOBROW PRESS, 2017  
ISBN: 9781910620137

Sandy captures her dreams in vibrant, magical drawings, but when her dreams interrupt school lessons, she must remember not to let her talent get the best of her. The illustrations from this Colombian artist are charming, whimsical, and gorgeous.

**Older than Dirt: A Wild  
but True History of Earth**

by Don Brown and  
Dr. Mike Perfit,  
illustrated by Don Brown

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN  
HARCOURT, 2017  
ISBN: 9780544805033

A groundhog and a worm narrate an irreverent, fact-filled geologic history of Earth.

**Real Friends**

by Shannon Hale,  
illustrated by LeUyen Pham

FIRST SECOND, 2017  
ISBN: 9781626724167

A memoir about Hale's time in middle school and making friends, being part of a group, and bullying.

**Red's Planet**  
by Eddie Pittman

AMULET, 2016  
ISBN: 9781419719073

Independent and strong-willed Red longs to get away from her crowded foster home, but she gets more than she bargained for on this interplanetary adventure! (FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES)

**Sanity & Tallulah**  
by Molly Brooks

DISNEY-HYPERION, 2018  
ISBN: 9781368008440

When Sanity's science experiment, a three-headed kitten named Princess, Sparkle, Destroyer of Worlds, goes missing, things on their falling-apart space station begin to go horribly wrong. Can best friends Sanity and Tallulah find their kitten and figure out what's really causing the space station circuitry to fail before all is lost?

**Sharks:  
Nature's Perfect Hunter**

(Science Comics)  
by Joe Flood

FIRST SECOND, 2018  
ISBN: 9781626727878

This fun, fact-filled introduction to sharks will arm readers with enough information to overcome their fears of the ocean's top predator. (PART OF A SERIES)