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When hard times among the People revive the old stories of the hero Jackaroo, an innkeeper's daughter follows her own quest to unlock the secret reality behind the legend.

Something NEW for Big Fat Notebook middle school fans: a write-in workbook for practicing and perfecting the concepts a student is learning in middle school math class.

The trappings of high society are brought to life in this sparkling novel by the Newberry medalist whom Kirkus Reviews called “a master of pure story.” We are none of us what we seem. Gregor has an eye for the expensive. It’s a talent that makes him a fine appreciator of art and a stellar butler. Handsome and barely in his thirties, Gregor’s choice of work baffles even his employer, wealthy playboy Theo Mondleigh. If only he knew how Gregor spent his free time. While Theo’s parents strong-arm him into marriage, Gregor’s looking for a match of his own. His one requirement: money, and a lot of it. When Gregor’s not working, his days are spent charming the wealthiest single women he can find. His latest mark is Alexis. She’s got money, youth, and the disenchantment to match, but the more time he gambles spending with her, the deeper he finds himself falling in love. She’s charming, intelligent, and engaged to the one man that could strip Gregor of his veneer of wealth. When worlds collide, much more is at stake than their fledgling love.

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Best friends and unofficial brothers since they were six, ninth-graders T.C. and Augie have got the world figured out. But that all changes when both friends fall in love for the first time. Enter Al,. She's pretty, sassy, and on her way to Harvard. T.C. falls hard, but Al, is playing hard to get. Meanwhile, Augie realizes that he's got a crush on a boy. It's not so clear to him, but to his family and friends, it's totally obvious! Told in alternating perspectives, this is the hilarious and touching story of their most excellent year, where these three friends discover love, themselves, and how a little magic and Mary Poppins can go a long way.

A Newbery Honor-winning installment of the Cynthia Voigt's classic Tillerman series. Jeff Greene was only seven when he came home from school to find a note from his mother. She felt that the world needed her more than her "grown up" son did. For someone who believed she could see the world's problems so clearly, she was blind to the heartache and difficulties she pushed upon her son, leaving him with his reserved, undemonstrative father. So when, years later, she invites Jeff to spend summers with her in Charleston, Jeff is captivated by her free spirit and warmth, and a happiness he's been missing fills him. But Jeff's second visit ends with a devastating betrayal and an aching feeling of loneliness. In life, there can be emotional pits so deep that seemingly nothing will grow—but if he digs a little deeper, Jeff might just come out on the other side.

From the award-winning author of *Homecoming* and *Dacey's Song* comes a heartfelt adult novel perfect for readers of Judy Blume. Rida is an orphan out of

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California who dances for the troops in the USO. Spencer is a naval officer with roots deep in New England's upper crust. They meet during World War II at an Officer's Club dance, and Spencer might have been dissuaded if he saw just one engagement ring on her finger, but instead, he sees four. The courtship is easy, Rida wins him and wears his ring alone. But Rida is a wild card, and Spencer's family can't accept her unconventional approach to marriage, motherhood, and life. Even Rida's four daughters struggle to understand her, but for them it becomes a quest—to untangle the mystery of their stubborn, off-beat, clear-sighted, loving, and above all mesmerizing mother. Award-winning author Cynthia Voigt has penned a novel for readers who grew up loving her Newbery Award-winning novels for children and young adults. *By Any Name* features an indelible woman who sees lines as meant to be crossed, changing the lives of all who come into contact with her indefatigable spirit.

It's not fair that Clothilde's father has returned from World War I so disfigured that he retreats to the boathouse as a recluse. It's not fair that her brother has abandoned the family to live with his rich grandfather in Boston. It's not fair that her mother has reverted to the role of a lady, leaving Clothilde to do all the housework. And it's certainly not fair that the Maine peninsula that Clothilde inherited from a great-aunt may have to be sold to support the family. Then a mysterious Voice speaks to Clothilde, giving her the chance to change the life fate has dealt her and the people she loves. But Clothilde's wishes come true in unexpected, frightening ways -- and

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at a price she isn't sure she has the courage to pay. Fourteen-year-old Oriel and his friend Griff flee the slavery of Damall's Island and seek a new life on the mainland, where they face raiding Wolfers, rival armies, and other dangers.

Everyone's excited about the prom except Ashley, who couldn't care less. She's too busy worrying about her crazy family and TJ her flaky boyfriend. But when disaster strikes the prom committee, somehow Ashley gets roped into helping save the evening - and finds out a lot about herself too...

Celebrated Newbery Medalist Cynthia Voigt introduces Little Bird, a tiny crow with a big imagination and an even bigger heart, in this timeless read-alone and read-aloud just right for the young middle grade audience. Little Bird features black-and-white illustrations by Newbery Medalist Lynne Rae Perkins throughout. When a wild fisher cat attacks their nest, Little Bird and her flock are devastated. Not only does the fisher cat harm the fledglings, but it also makes off with the shiny pendant that the superstitious crows rely on for good luck. Little Bird believes that she can find the lucky pendant and return it to the nest before disaster strikes. The other crows aren't so sure—after all, Little Bird is so little and undependable and meek. But with the help of some new friends—including a very funny goat—Little Bird journeys through forests and over lakes and fields, challenging her wits and survival skills along the way. The crow who returns home is wiser, braver, kinder, and ready—at last—to spread her wings. Newbery Medalist Cynthia Voigt's gentle humor, sense of fun and adventure, and

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delightful main character sing off the page in this timely short novel about bravery and friendship, illustrated by Newbery Medalist Lynne Rae Perkins. A page-turning read-aloud for families and classrooms, and a terrific book for fans of *Nuts to You*, by Lynne Rae Perkins, and Avi's Poppy books.

The Wizard of Oz meets America's favorite pastime! Alex Metcalf must be dreaming. What else would explain why he's playing baseball for the Oz Cyclones, with Dorothy as his captain, in the Ever After Baseball Tournament? But Alex isn't dreaming; he's just from the real world. And winning the tournament might be his only chance to get back there, because the champions get a wish granted by the Wizard. Too bad Ever After's most notorious criminal, the Big Bad Wolf, is also after the wishes. And anyone who gets in his way gets eaten! From beloved baseball author Alan Gratz comes a novel in which classic literary characters are baseball crazy, and one real-world boy must face his fears and discover the surprising truth about himself.

Life had always been predictable for Ann...until she met her college roommates, Niki and Hildy. Niki is always in motion, brash, often vulgar, with a philosophy of "win at any cost." And Hildy's aura of serene wisdom cloaks a most unusual way of looking at things. The trio becomes inseparable—until something happens that changes their lives forever.

When Max's parents leave the country without him, he must rely on his wits to get by, and before long he is running his own--rather unusual--business. By the Newbery Award-winning author of *Dacey's Song*.

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The thrilling conclusion to the epic middle grade fantasy trilogy from Katherine Applegate, the New York Times bestselling and Newbery Award-winning author of *The One and Only Ivan* (now a major motion picture!), *The One and Only Bob*, *Wishtree*, and *Crenshaw*! In the beginning, Byx's original quest was to discover if there were more of her kind, or if she was destined to become an endling—the last dairne alive. She did indeed find more dairnes, and along the way she also created allies among other creatures in her world, including humans, felivets, raptidons, and wobbyks. But Byx and her new friends soon learned that it wasn't just dairnes in jeopardy of extinction, but that everyone was at risk. With the world in unprecedented danger, Byx must rally creatures of all kinds to lead a revolution. Katherine Applegate's Endling series has so far earned a collective five starred reviews, and each of the prior books has debuted on the New York Times bestseller list. She once again delivers an action-packed middle grade fantasy with a unique setting, enthralling characters, and gripping adventure that is perfect for fans of Rick Riordan, Brian Jacques, and Tui T. Sutherland.

Elske is a girl with no future—until her grandmother's sacrifice saves her from certain death. Beriel is an imperious princess—determined to claim the kingdom that is her birthright. Fate brings them together, both exiles, one servant to the other. To Beriel, the mistress, Elske offers steadfast loyalty and courage—hard to come by in her dangerous quest to regain the throne she has been denied by treachery. To Elske, the handmaiden, Beriel's

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proud example provides a perhaps even more precious gift: the strength to find her true self.

Think carefully. That's the advice Jean Wainwright always gets from her beloved Aunt Constance, Jean's guardian and headmistress at the boarding school where she lives. It's advice that proves valuable when Jean finds herself spending the summer far from home, sorting out family papers for the reclusive Mr. Thiel, a trustee of Aunt Constance's school and the widower of her childhood friend Irene Callender. At Mr. Thiel's isolated country estate, Jean is surrounded by bewildering questions from the past. Why is there such hatred between Mr. Thiel and his late wife's brother? Was her death an accident? And what happened to their child, who disappeared after Irene Thiel's death? Do the answers lie in the Callender papers? And will searching for the answers put Jean's own life in jeopardy?

An ALA-YALSA Best Book for Young Adults New Bonus

Content: -Q&A with Walter Dean Myers -Q&A with screenwriter John Ballard -Teaser chapter from *On a Clear Day* -Excerpt from *145th Street* All eyes are on seventeen-year-old Lonnie Jackson while he practices with his team for a city-wide basketball Tournament of Champions. His coach, Cal, knows Lonnie has what it takes to be a pro basketball player, but warns him about giving in to the pressure. Cal knows because he, too, once had the chance—but sold out. As the tournament nears, Lonnie learns that some heavy bettors want Cal to keep him on the bench so that the team will lose the championship. As the last seconds of the game tick away, Lonnie and Cal must make a decision. Are they willing to blow the chance of a lifetime?

After meeting on the first day in Mrs. Chemskey's fifth-grade

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class, Margalo and Mikey help each other in and out of trouble, as they try to maintain a friendship while each asserts her independence.

One moment can change a life forever. Fifteen-year-old Izzy has it all -- a loving family, terrific friends, a place on the cheerleading squad. But her comfortable world crumbles when a date with a senior ends in a car crash and she loses her right leg. Suddenly nothing is the same. The simplest tasks become enormous challenges. Her friends don't seem to know how to act around her. Her family is supportive, but they don't really want to deal with how much she's hurting. Then Rosamunde extends a prickly offer of friendship. Rosamunde definitely isn't the kind of girl Izzy would have been friends with in her old life. But Rosamunde may be the only person who can help Izzy face her new one.

A mummy has gone missing! It's not a terribly valuable mummy, but its disappearance spells big trouble for Phineas and Althea's father, who is the curator of a small collection of Egyptian antiquities bequeathed to the college where he works. A whispered phone call leads Phineas and Althea to the vandalized mummy without revealing the identity of the thief. Then someone far more important to Phineas than a fifteen-hundred-year-old mummy vanishes. In spite of what the police think, he knows his sister would not have run away, and he knows she's in grave danger. But can he unravel the mystery in time to save her life?

Devastated when she is asked to leave an exclusive Connecticut ballet school, Mina Smiths finds solace in her friendship with Tamer Shipp, the summer minister, as she learns about his own difficult adolescence, his ministry in Harlem, and his family life.

"A group of lost toys live on an island, and their community must adapt as new toys come and go"--

There are some who say that the Lady Fortune has a wheel,

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and all men are fixed upon it. The wheel turns, and the men rise, or fall, with the turning of the wheel. Birle has agreed to be wed to the huntsman Muir as an escape from the drudgery of life at her father's inn—but the moment she looks into the bellflower blue eyes of the man she comes upon stealing one of her father's boats, Birle knows she cannot marry Muir. Even after she discovers the mysterious stranger is Orien, a Lord and as unreachable to an innkeeper's daughter as a star, Birle is determined to travel with him as far as he will allow. Their travels take Birle to a world far from home, a world where Lords may become slaves, where Princes rule by fear, and where Fortune's Wheel turns more swiftly and dangerously than Birle could have imagined. Newberry Medalist Cynthia Voigt's second novel of the Kingdom, set two generations later than Jackaroo, is a memorable combination of thrilling adventure and heart-stopping romance.

It's not easy being Mikey Elsinger and Margalo Epps in ninth grade. It seems like things are changing. Now some people want to sit at the same lunch table with them, and some even ask them for advice. What are the two friends to make of this strange behavior? Frankly all the attention cuts into the little time they have together and distracts attention from their own interests, like tennis and drama, and their own problems, like cheating in tennis and things not going the way Margalo plans they will in drama. In the opinion of these two bad girls, ninth grade can't end fast enough! But no matter how bad things get, one thing's for sure: They'll have each other. The final book in the acclaimed Bad Girls series, *Bad Girls, Bad Girls, Whatcha Gonna Do?* is another funny, insightful, and realistic novel from Newbery Medal winner Cynthia Voigt.

Taking refuge in fairy tales after the loss of his mother, twelve-year-old David finds himself violently propelled

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into an imaginary land in which the boundaries of fantasy and reality are disturbingly melded. By the author of *The Black Angel*. 75,000 first printing.

Retta, Johnny, and Roy have no parental rules to follow, so they've made up their own. After their mother passes away, Retta, Johnny, and Roy don't have much parenting in their lives. Their dad is a country singer who keeps them well fed but isn't around much. Older sister Retta takes control, leading her brothers on all sorts of unwise adventures and promising that one day they'll have money, safety, and a nice home. When their dad is away performing at night, they slip into a neighbor's pool to swim and pretend to have a glamorous life beneath the light of the moon. But freedom doesn't mean happiness, especially when a new crisis emerges.

National Book Award winner *The Night Swimmers* is a moving story of siblings who can count on nobody but one another. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Betsy Byars including rare images from the author's personal collection.

Although eighth grade is halfway over, Mikey never does anything halfway. So it's no surprise that when she develops a not-so-secret crush on Shawn Macavity, the heartstoppingly gorgeous star of the school play, she goes a bit overboard. Soon Mikey—Mikey?—has a stylish new wardrobe, and she's baking Shawn cookies, writing their initials on blackboards, even buying him a T-shirt emblazoned "I LOVE ME." Fellow Bad Girl Margalo tries to get Mikey to turn things down a notch, but why should Mikey listen to her? After all, what does Margalo know about being in love? Or is Margalo hiding a romantic

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fantasy of her own? In this fourth book in Cynthia Voigt's Bad Girls series, as Mikey and Margalo struggle to understand that funny thing called love, they find that boys may come and go, but bad girls are bad for life. A dashed dream leads to a rash decision in the fifth installment of Cynthia Voigt's Tillerman cycle. Mina Smiths lives to dance, so her scholarship to ballet camp seems like a dream come true. She doesn't even mind being the only black girl in the troupe—that is, until she is told she'll never be a classical dancer. It's then that Mina begins to face some difficult truths about race and identity and transfers her passion for dance to Tamer Shipp, the summer minister for her church. The problem is, he's a grown man with a family, but she can't stop wishing for more to their friendship than simply pastor and parishioner. Cynthia Voigt's incomparable mastery of character and community shines forth in this stirring novel from her acclaimed Tillerman cycle.

Twelve-year-old Hanako and her family, reeling from their confinement in an internment camp, renounce their American citizenship to move to Hiroshima, a city devastated by the atomic bomb dropped by Americans. Travel back in time to a world millions of years before humans to become a dinosaur spotter. Are you ready to meet the most awesome beasts of all time? Step into a prehistoric world where dinosaurs rule the land. This spotter's guide gives you the essential information on what to look out for as you roam the ancient continents. There are more than 160 different dinosaurs to spot, including the latest discoveries. An A-Z fact file makes this book very easy to use. There are top tips to keep

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you safe, hundreds of facts and figures, and a pronunciation guide for each dinosaur.

Now that the four abandoned Tillerman children are settled in with their grandmother, Dicey finds that their new beginnings require love, trust, humor, and courage. They must unlock the mystery--before time runs out. Unwrapping a puzzling package and finding a clue launches twelve-year-old cousins Sophie and Jessica into the dangerous mystery of The Treasure Key. They're soon racing against time--and bad guys--to be the first to find the long-lost treasure.

Mikey and Margalo: Bad girls. Best friends. Big trouble... Mikey Elsinger isn't the romantic type. She thinks that most boys are just brainless meatheads. Girls who like brainless meatheads are too weird for words. Margalo Epps likes to admire boys from afar. Maybe a movie star, or even (don't tell anyone ) a teacher. But most of the boys at school stink (some of them literally). Enter Shawn Macavity. Technically, he's a brainless meathead. But he's gorgeous. Really, really gorgeous. Thwack. Cupid's arrow strikes its target. The world has changed for ever. Mikey is in LURRRVE. And Margalo is NOT impressed... The fourth funny, touching book about bad girls Mikey and Margalo

What would it be like to be older than your father? Brann Connell is sick of hearing his parents argue all the time. Seems to Brann his dad could stand up for himself more, instead of building a wall of excuses to

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hide behind. But some things never change—after all, his dad has always been this way. Or has he? Brann never imagined that he would actually get the chance to find out. But suddenly he is hurled back in time to spend the day with his father as a young boy. In this single mystifying day of adventure, Brann discovers that there is more to his dad—and fate—than he thought.

You can run from something, or toward something—but can you do both at the same time? Book four in the Newbery-winning cycle from Cynthia Voigt. Bullet Tillerman runs. He runs to escape the criticism of his harsh, unforgiving father. He runs to numb the pain of his mother's inability to express her love. He is the star of the school track team, but he isn't a team man and doesn't want to be. Bullet runs for himself. So Bullet doesn't understand why he's been asked to train a new team member, and he's not looking forward to the task. But in coaching Tamer Shipp, Bullet learns some things about himself—who he is, and who he can perhaps become.

**MYSTERY, TREASURE, AND A LIFE ON THE STAGE.** The first episode of the adventures of Cat Royal is a big, fat juicy read. She's Cat Royal – four foot four, with long red hair, green eyes and not a penny she can call her own. But she does know a secret – where a treasure is hidden in the theater that is her home. The problem is, she isn't the only

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one looking for it. One adventure leads into the next, taking Cat – and readers -- through the colorful streets of late 18th Century London. The exciting mystery – filled with fascinating characters, lots of incident, theatrical spectacles, and even a bit of political intrigue – will thrill readers. The Diamond of Drury Lane is a 2009 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

From the author of Trucks Roll!, an up-in-the-clouds exploration of all things airplane. World's mighty big but there's just one sky and it's yours to travel.

Planes fly! Take to the skies with this fun, rhyming book about all that planes do! From jet planes to puddle jumpers, from the cockpit to the rudders, this book explores it all—and the bright, dynamic illustrations will keep even the youngest of readers engaged.

Abandoned in a parking lot by their mother, who left them with a bag of sandwiches and the address of a distant great-aunt, Dicey, James, Maybeth, and Sammy Tillerman embark on an arduous and eventful journey.

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