Dewey Diva Picks- Summer 2020- HarperCollins Canada- Children’s Books

The Bookstore Cat by Cylin Busby, illus. by Charles Santoso- Balzer + Bray- 9780062894342- HC- $21.99- Picture Book/Animals- 32 pp.- October- Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
She is everything from intelligent and loyal to naughty and vocal! But most of all, the bookstore cat is a well-loved (and well-read) kitty. Follow her hilarious antics from A to Z through a day in her bustling, book-filled shop.

"I LOVE WORDS! But I started with no words!" A little girl looks back on her very first words and much more—in an exploration of how we learn to speak—by the creator of Incidental Comics.

Sometimes People March by Tessa Allen- Balzer + Bray- 9780062991188- HC- $21.99- Picture Book Nonfiction / Social Science- 32 pp.- September 2020- Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
Sometimes People March is a timely and inspiring introduction to how people exercise their right to free speech by marching in the name of justice, from debut author-illustrator Tessa Allen.

Thesaurus Has a Secret by Anya Glazer- Katherine Tegen Books- 9780062916051- HC- $21.99- Picture Book Fiction / Animals- 40 pp.- October 2020- Ages 4 to 8, Grades P to 3
From author-illustrator Anya Glazer comes a humorous picture book about a verbose dinosaur desperately trying to keep his love for reading a secret.

With his giant-size brain, Arlo the crow can do amazing things. Thank goodness for his pal, Pips, who can remind him not to be such a show-off! First in a new early graphic chapter book series.

Jo: An Adaptation of Little Women (Sort Of) by Kathleen Gros- Quill Tree Books- 9780062875976- HC- $28.50- Graphic Novel/Fiction-272 pp.- Sept 2020- Ages 8-12, Gr. 3 to 7
Graphic novelist Kathleen Gros delivers a modern-day adaptation of Little Women as told through the eyes of thirteen-year-old eighth grader Jo March. Simult. PB also avail (9780062875969, $15.99)

Cinders & Sparrows by Stefan Bachmann- Greenwillow Books- 9780062289957- HC- $21.00- Fiction / Action & Adventure-368 pp.- October 2020- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
When a thirteen-year-old orphan unexpectedly becomes the mistress of a seemingly abandoned castle, she is thrust into a mysterious plot involving murderous spells, false identity, and a magical battle between the living and the dead.

Imogen should be nice to her little sister Marie. She should be nice to her mum’s boyfriend too. And she certainly shouldn’t follow a strange silver moth through a door in a tree… Thrilling, sharply funny, and with characters you will fall in love with, A Clock of Stars is a stunning fantasy debut.
The Language of Ghosts by Heather Fawcett - Balzer + Bray- 9780062854544- HC- $21.00- Fiction / Fantasy - 368 pp.- Sept 2020 - Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
The Penderwicks meets Howl’s Moving Castle in this thrilling middle grade fantasy adventure about a trio of royal siblings who unlock a long-forgotten magical language in their bid to reclaim their stolen throne—from Ember and the Ice Dragons author Heather Fawcett.

Serena Says by Tanita S. Davis- Katherine Tegen Books- 9780062936974- HC- $21.00- Fiction / Social Themes -272 pp.- November 2020- Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Award-winning author Tanita S. Davis delivers a heartwarming and humorous tale about a young girl who finds her own voice through vlogging and learns to speak out.

Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake, Illus. by Jon Klassen - HarperCollins Canada- 9781443460453- HC- $16.99- Fiction / Social Themes- 128 pp.- Sept. 2020- Ages 8-12, Gr. 3 to 7
The first title in a warm and witty illustrated chapter-book series from Newbery Honor-winner Amy Timberlake and superstar illustrator Jon Klassen, about a pair of unlikely animal friends.

A Thousand Questions by Saadia Faruqi - Quill Tree Books- 9780062943200- HC- $21.00- Fiction / People & Places- 320pp. – September 2020 - Ages 8 to 12, Grades 3 to 7
Set against the backdrop of Karachi, Pakistan, two girls navigate a summer of change and family upheaval with kind hearts, big dreams, and all the right questions.

In the stand-alone companion to the New York Times–bestselling A Wolf Called Wander, a young orca whale must lead her brother on a tumultuous journey to be reunited with their pod.

Charming as a Verb by Ben Philippe - Balzer + Bray- 9780062824141- HC- $23.99- YA Adult Fiction / Humorous- 336 pp. – September 2020- Ages 13 And Up, Grades 8 And Up
From William C. Morris YA Debut Award-winning author Ben Philippe comes a whip-smart and layered romantic comedy perfect for fans of Nicola Yoon and Jenny Han.

A timely and illuminating collection of stories featuring teen immigrants. Contributors include: Nafiza Azad, Sara Farizan, Misa Sugiura, Sona Charaipotra, Maria Andreu, Maureen Goo, Varsha Bajaj, Yamile Saied Mendez, Justine Larbalestier, Isabel Quintero, and Adi Alsaid.

A deadly competition for the throne will determine more than just the fate of the empire in this riveting duology opener, perfect for fans of The Hunger Games, Aurora Rising, Zenith: The Andromeda Saga, and Three Dark Crowns.

Award-winning author Tiffany D. Jackson delivers another classic: a riveting, ripped-from-the-headlines stand-alone mystery that exposes horrific secrets hiding behind the limelight and the power of a young woman’s voice.
Bestselling author Tony Abbott’s first YA novel in verse is an unflinching and heartbreaking look at a boy’s junk-filled life and the ways he finds redemption and hope.

New York Times bestselling author Robin Talley returns with this sweet, queer rom-com about a high school musical’s stage manager and lead actress, perfect for fans of Becky Albertalli.

Sinister sorcery. Gallows humor. A queer romance so glorious it could be right out of fae legend itself. With the heist and intrigue of Six of Crows and the dark fairy-tale feel of The Cruel Prince, this YA fantasy debut is a spellbinding read sure to enthrall any reader.


When perennial nice guy Cam learns the girl of his dreams's boyfriend, Steve, has a potentially terminal illness, he decides the way to win her heart is by saving Steve's life.

Smash It! By Francina Simone- Inkyard Press - 9781335146502 – HC- $23.99- Young Adult Fiction / Performing Arts- 368 pp.- September 2020- Ages 13 And Up
Dumplin' meets Othello in this brash, bold and tender #ownvoices novel about a girl whose surprise part in a hip-hopera high school production of Othello leads to a journey of self-empowerment, perfect for fans of Julie Murphy, Ibi Zoboi, and Nic Stone.

The Truth Project by Dante Medema - Quill Tree Books- 9780062954404- HC- $21.99 -Fiction / Novels In Verse - 400 pp. – October 2020- Ages 13+/ Gr. 8 +
Debut author Dante Medema explores the emotional fallout after a teenage girl discovers she is the product of an affair. Told through a series of poems, text messages, and emails, this contemporary YA is perfect for fans of Ellen Hopkins, Gaby Dunn, and Allison Raskin.

You Were Never Here is an engrossing mystery with a hint of the supernatural, perfect for fans of The Darkest Corners by Kara Thomas and Bone Gap by Laura Ruby.

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