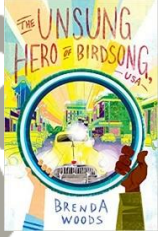
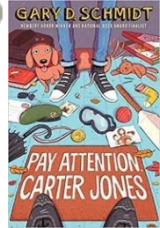


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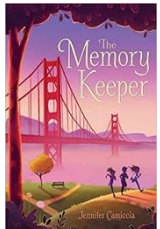
***Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA* by Brenda Woods**

On Gabriel's twelfth birthday, he gets a new bike--and is so excited that he accidentally rides it right into the path of a car. Fortunately, a Black man named Meriwether pushes him out of the way just in time, and fixes his damaged bike. As a thank you, Gabriel gets him a job at his dad's auto shop. Gabriel's dad hires him with some hesitation, however, anticipating trouble with the other mechanic, who makes no secret of his racist opinions.



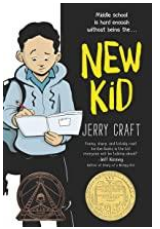
***Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary Schmidt**

In addition to figuring out middle school, Carter has to adjust to the unwelcome presence of this new know-it-all adult in his life and navigate the butler's notions of decorum. And ultimately, when his burden of grief and anger from the past can no longer be ignored, Carter learns that a burden becomes lighter when it is shared.



***The Memory Keeper* by Jennifer Camiccia**

With her friends Olivia and Max, Lulu digs into Gram's mysterious past. But they soon realize some secrets should stay buried, and Lulu wonders if she ever knew Gram at all. It's up to Lulu to uncover the truth before the only person who truly sees her slips away.



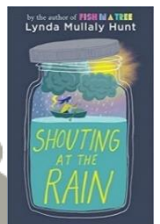
***New Kid* by Jerry Craft**

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.



***Shine!* by JJ and Chris Grabenstein**

Shine on! might be the catchphrase of twelve-year-old Piper's hero--astronaut, astronomer, and television host Nellie Dumont Frisse--but Piper knows the truth: some people are born to shine, and she's just not one of them.



***Shouting at the Rain* by Linda Mullaly Hunt**

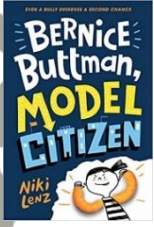
Delsie loves tracking the weather--lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life. She's always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she's looking at their life with new eyes and wishing she could have a "regular family."



***Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly**

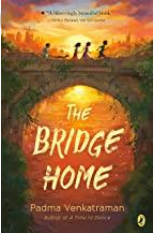
From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. If you've ever felt like no one was listening to you, then you know how hard that can be.

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***Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen* by Niki Lenz**

When you're a Buttman, the label "bully" comes with the territory, and Bernice lives up to her name. But life as a bully is lonely, and if there's one thing Bernice really wants (even more than becoming a Hollywood stuntwoman), it's a true friend.



***The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman**

Life is harsh in Chennai's teeming streets, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world.



***White Bird: A Wonder Story* by R.J. Palacio**

When Natalie's science teacher suggests that she enter an egg drop competition, Natalie thinks that this might be the perfect solution to all of her problems. With their help, Natalie begins an uplifting journey to discover the science of hope, love, and miracles.



***Charlie Thorne & the Last Equation* by Stuart Gibbs**

Charlie Thorne is a genius. Charlie Thorne is a thief. Charlie Thorne isn't old enough to drive. And now it's up to her to save the world...



***Me & Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse* by Susan Vaught**

I could see the big inside of my Sam-Sam. I had been training him for 252 days with mini tennis balls and pieces of bacon, just to prove to Dad and Mom and Aunt Gus and the whole world that a tiny, fluffy dog could do big things if he wanted to.

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***Blended* by Sharon Draper**

It seems like nothing can bring Isabella's family together again— until the worst thing happens. Isabella and Darren are stopped by the police. A cell phone is mistaken for a gun. And shots are fired.