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## The Takeout

Badua, Tracy

Mila's family owns a Filipino-Indian fusion food truck. When a new restaurant offers dishes that taste the same as her family's, Mila sets out to expose the truth with a little detective work and some Filipino folk magic.

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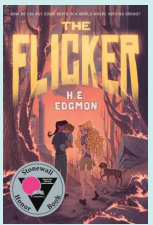


## Show Me a Sign

LeZotte, Ann Clare

Mary's whole life has been on Martha's Vineyard as a member of their Deaf community. After being kidnapped, Mary forms an escape plan while reflecting on her experience as a Deaf girl in a primarily hearing world.

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## The Flicker

Edgmon, H. E.

Millie and Rose live on an Earth destroyed by a solar flare. As they search for their grandmother, they join a ragtag group of kids and avoid the clutches of The Hive, a sinister organization that hoards supplies from citizens.

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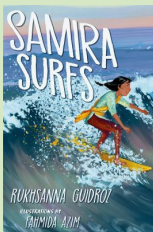


## The Trouble with Heroes

Messner, Kate

Finn is grieving and acting out. When he vandalizes the headstone of recently deceased Edna, he gets an unusual offer to make it right: take Edna's dog and climb all 46 Adirondack High Peaks before summer's end.

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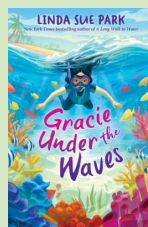


## Samira Surfs

Guidroz, Rukhsanna

Samira is a refugee girl in Bangladesh trying to adjust to a new life. She decides to join a surfing club, hoping to make friends and win a contest to support her family.

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## Gracie Under the Waves

Park, Linda Sue

Snorkeling is Gracie's favorite hobby! She persuades her family to vacation in Honduras, and hardly anything goes as planned. After making a new friend and learning about the slow destruction of the coral reef, Gracie decides to take action to save it.

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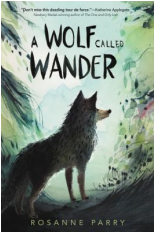
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## A Wolf Called Wander

Parry, Rosanne

Swift is a strong cub in his pack. When his pack's territory is claimed by rivals, he is left hurt and alone. Swift searches for a new home, encountering danger and gaining confidence. Story is inspired by OR-7, a real grey wolf.

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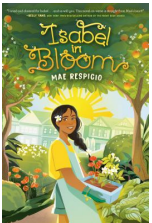


## The Greenies

Mills, Emma

Violet has moved to a new town. When she and new friends land in detention, they join the Environmental Club as part of their discipline. Uncertain at first, Violet and friends begin to appreciate the Club's goals.

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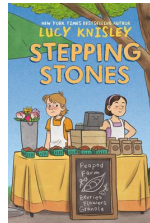


## Isabel in Bloom

Respicio, Mae

Isabel hasn't been having the easiest time in her new life in America. When she discovers that a plant from back home is growing in the school garden, she wonders if she too can grow and blossom in a new place.

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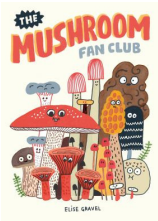


## Stepping Stones

Knisley, Lucy

Uprooted from her city life after her parents' divorce, Jen starts a new life on Peapod Farm, where the chores, the food, and the family dynamics are all a new challenge.

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## The Mushroom Fan Club

Gravel, Elise

Did you know that mushrooms are not plants or animals? They are fungi! Join along as we forage and learn about all types of fungi: the Puffball, the Dog Stinkhorn, the Destroying Angel, and more!

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## The Secret Garden: A Graphic Novel

Marsden, Mariah

Enjoy this classic story retold in graphic novel form. Ten-year-old Mary uncovers the mysteries of family, a dreary mansion, and a lost garden.

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