

REALISTIC FICTION
Ghost

by Jason Reynolds

Running. That's all Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his violent father. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him?

local library!

Count Me In by Varsha Bajaj

Karina Chopra would have never imagined becoming friends with Chris, the boy next door. Then Karina's grandfather starts tutoring Chris, and she discovers he's actually nice and funny. One afternoon, the three of them are assaulted by a stranger who targets Indian-American Karina and her grandfather because of how they look. Her grandfather is gravely injured and Karina and Chris are moved to action. When Karina posts photos related to the attack on social media, they quickly attract attention, and before long her #CountMeIn post goes viral. As her Papa heals, Karina uses social media to help celebrate both his homecoming and a community coming together.

ADVENTURE

Masterminds (First in a series) by Gordon Korman

Eli Frieden has never left Serenity, New Mexico. Then one day, he bikes to the edge of the city limits and something crazy and unexpected happens. Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate further, and soon it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems in Serenity. The clues mount to reveal a shocking discovery, and the kids realize they can trust no one — least of all their own parents.

HISTORICAL FICTION Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. One night a mysterious fire appears across the water, and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.

GRAPHIC NOVEL Booked

by Kwame Alexander, Dawud Anyabwile (Illustrator)
In Booked, soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage. Twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby,

and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring

books to read.

FANTASY When You Trap A Tiger by Tae Keller

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal–return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health–Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem. With the help of her sister and her a friend, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.