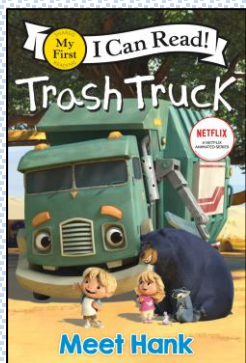


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## January & February 2022 Children's Highlights

January

6 – 9 years



**Trash Truck: Meet Hank** by Netflix  
9780063162129 / HarperCollins / PB / R80

Meet Hank and his best friend, Trash Truck, as they take you on a fun adventure through Hank's small town. *Trash Truck: Meet Hank* is a My First I Can Read, perfect for shared reading with a child. *Trash Truck* is based on the real-life experiences of Max Keane, the show's creator, and his son's love of the local garbage truck. This book includes a real-life photo of Max's son and his garbage truck along with a note from the author. The Netflix original animated series *Trash Truck* is produced by Glen Keane Productions and stars six-year-old Hank, a boy who dreams big and finds great friends through even greater adventures.

January

10 – 12 years



**Raven Winter** by Susanna Bailey  
9781405299961 / Egmont / PB / R205

Ever since Billie's kind and nature-loving dad went to prison, her life has lost its shine. And now, Mum's new boyfriend has moved in and home is full of sharp-glass silences. Billie has never felt more alone. Until one day she discovers an injured young raven and in nursing him back to life, Billie finds friendship, hope and a letter that might bring her one step closer to reuniting with Dad. *Raven Winter* is the story of friendship, family and the belief in a very special relationship with a young raven set against the beautiful and the wintery backdrop of the Yorkshire Dales.

January

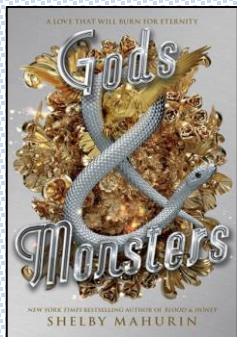
Teen Fiction



**Here's To Us** by Adam Silvera  
9781398505209 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

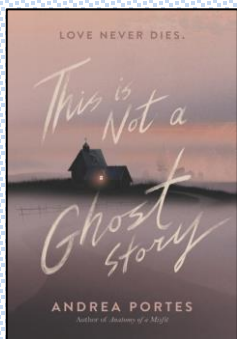
Ben has spent his first year of college working on his fantasy manuscript with his writing partner Mario, who is a great Spanish tutor, and an even better kisser. So why can't he stop thinking about the fact that Arthur's back in town two years after they called it quits? Arthur is in New York for a dream internship on Broadway, with a boyfriend back at home that he couldn't be happier with. But when he comes upon Ben cuddled up with a mystery boy, he starts to wonder if his feelings for Ben ever truly went away. Even as the boys try to focus on their futures, they can't seem to help running into each other in the present. Is the universe forcing them to question if they're actually meant to be?

January  
Young Adult



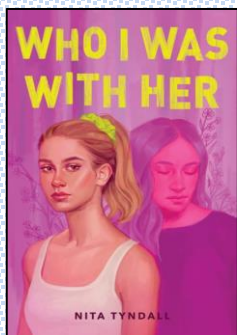
**Serpent & Dove 3: Gods & Monsters** by Shelby Mahurin  
9780063094369 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

Lou has spent her whole life running. Now, after a crushing blow from Morgane, the time has come to go home—and claim what is rightfully hers. But this is no longer the Lou her friends knew. No longer the Lou who captured a chasseur's heart. A darkness has settled over her, and this time it will take more than love to drive it out.



**This is Not a Ghost Story** by Andrea Portes  
9780062422453 / HarperCollins / PB / R170

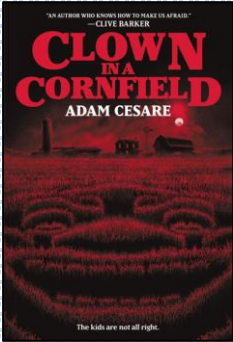
I am not welcome. Somehow, I know that. Something doesn't want me here. Whatever this is, it is saying to me in a voice that cannot be heard but only felt: Get out. Daffodil Franklin has plans for a quiet summer before her freshman year at college, and luckily, she's found the job that can give her just that: housesitting a mansion for a wealthy couple. But as the summer progresses and shadows lengthen, Daffodil comes to realize the house is more than it appears. The spacious home seems to close in on her, and as she takes the long road into town, she feels eyes on her the entire way, and something tugging her back. What Daffodil doesn't yet realize is that her job comes with a steep price. The house has a long-ago grudge it needs to settle, and Daffodil is the key to settling it.



**Who I Was With Her** by Nita Tyndall  
9780062978394 / HarperCollins / PB / R170

There are two things that Corinne Parker knows to be true: that she is in love with Maggie Bailey, the captain of the rival high school's cross country team and her secret girlfriend of a year, and that she isn't ready for anyone to know she's bisexual. But then Maggie dies, and Corinne quickly learns that the only thing worse than losing Maggie is being left heartbroken over a relationship no one knows existed. And to make things even more complicated, the only person she can turn to is Elissa — Maggie's ex — and the single person who understands how Corinne is feeling. As Corinne struggles to make sense of her grief and what she truly wants out of life, she begins to have feelings for the last person she should fall for. But to move forward after losing Maggie, Corinne will have to learn to be honest with the people in her life, starting with herself.

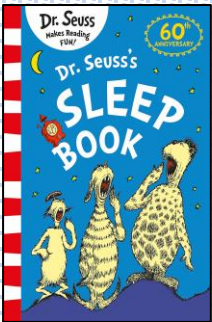
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***Clown in a Cornfield*** by Adam Cesare  
9780062854605 / HarperCollins / PB / R170

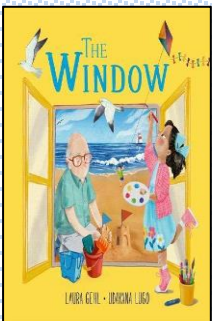
Quinn Maybrook just wants to make it until graduation. She might not make it to morning. Quinn and her father moved to tiny, boring Kettle Springs to find a fresh start. But ever since the Baypen Corn Syrup Factory shut down, Kettle Springs has cracked in half. On one side are the adults, who are desperate to make Kettle Springs great again, and on the other are the kids, who want to have fun, make prank videos, and get out of Kettle Springs as quickly as they can. Kettle Springs is caught in a battle between old and new, tradition and progress. It's a fight that looks like it will destroy the town. Until Frendo, the Baypen mascot, a creepy clown in a pork-pie hat, goes homicidal and decides that the only way for Kettle Springs to grow back is to cull the rotten crop of kids who live there now.

February  
0 to 5 years



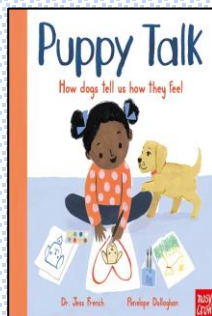
**Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book** by Dr. Seuss  
9780008511821 / HarperCollins / PB / R155

The original story designed specifically for putting small children to sleep, Dr. Seuss's Sleep Book is full of wonderful yawning creatures who spread sleep thoughts at bedtime. More fun than counting sheep and more effective than the sandman, this book is the perfect remedy for children who don't want to go to sleep.



**The Window: Losing a Loved One** by Laura Gehl  
9781787419834 / Templar / PB / R180

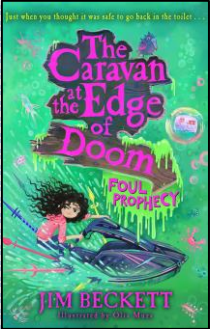
Whenever Daria visits, she and her grandpa sit and watch crashing waves, flying kites, and happy families. Daria hopes for the day she and Grandpa will be able to visit the beach and build sandcastles together. The surprise twist at the end of the book offers a light-handed yet emotional punch, showing how even in the darkest places, hope can be found.



**Puppy Talk** by Dr. Jess French  
9781788008853 / Nosy Crow / PB / R245

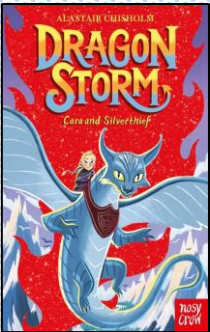
In this beautifully illustrated board book, vet and TV presenter Dr Jess French provides the perfect introduction to living with dogs and puppies for young children. In charming rhyming text, she shows how to read a dog's body language and what your pet might be trying to tell you through their tail wags, ear position and more! The book also provides tips for children on how to interact safely with their dog, to help them quickly become the best of friends.

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6 to 9 years



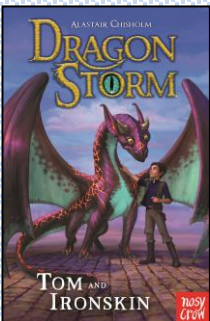
***The Caravan at the Edge of Doom 2: Foul Prophecy*** by Jim Beckett  
9781405298292 / Egmont / PB / R180

Twelve-year old Harley is happy to be back home after her adventures in the Land of the Dead. But strange things soon start happening. A bunch of Restless Souls turn up in at school, the portal of doom breaks AND everyone thinks Harley has blown up her best friend Bess. Is this all connected to a mysterious ancient prophecy that everyone in the Land of the Dead keeps talking about? There's only one thing for it. Harley has to unleash her inner Legendary Hero and head Beyond Life for more monsters, mysteries and mayhem!



***Dragon Storm 1: Cara and Silverthief*** by Alistair Christholm  
9781839940064 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

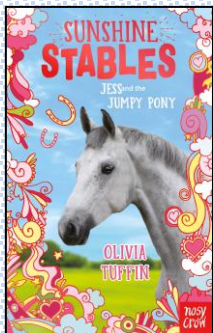
In the land of Draconis, there are no dragons. Once, there were. Once, humans and dragons were friends, and created the great city of Rivven together. But then came the Dragon Storm, and the dragons retreated from the world of humans. To the men and women of Draconis, they became legends and myth. Cara has spent her life on the streets, relying on her wits and a mysterious voice that seemed to live inside her head for survival. She's amazed when she learns that the voice actually belongs to a dragon, her dragon, and she's invited to join a hidden society, the Dragonseer Guild, for those who can summon their own dragon. But Cara isn't used to having friends, and so when she and her dragon Silverthief uncover a dangerous secret, they must decide who they can trust... and their lives will depend on it.



***Dragon Storm 2: Tom and Ironskin*** by Alistair Christholm  
9781839940026 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

Tomás has always been told that dragons are extinct, and so he can't believe it when a mysterious stranger invites him to join a secret society, the Dragonseer Guild, and tells him that not only do dragons still exist, but also that Tomás has a very special power... he can summon his very own dragon! But Tomás faces a difficult choice, and he and his dragon, Ironskin, must learn to trust each other. Together, they have to save their home from a deadly threat.

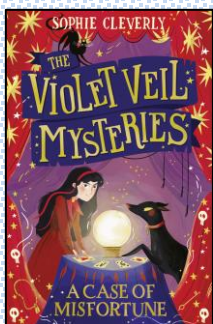
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***Sunshine Stables 4: Jess and the Jumpy Pony*** by Olivia Tuffin  
9781788009577 / Nosy Crow / PB / R155

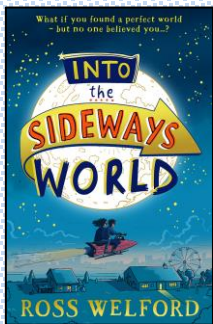
Jess is thrilled to ride beautiful iron-grey Bandit at pony camp. He is so sweet, and they have a natural connection. But when Bandit unexpectedly throws Jess, his future at the stables is put in doubt. Jess is sure he's a safe pony and he must have bucked for a reason, and she sets out to prove it.

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***The Violet Veil Mysteries 2: A Case of Misfortune*** by Sophie Cleverly  
9780008308018 / HarperCollins / PB / R150

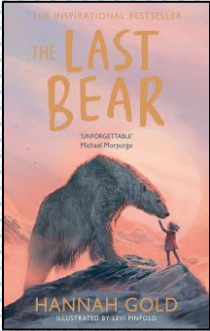
Violet Veil is ready for her next big case and with trouble afoot at the Grecian Theatre, Violet and her dog Bones are hot on the trail. But just who is the mysterious fortune-teller, Lady Athena, whose predictions keep coming true? Is it all just a case of smoke and mirrors? Or is there something more sinister going on?



***Into the Sideways World*** by Ross Welford  
9780008333843 / HarperCollins / PB / R150

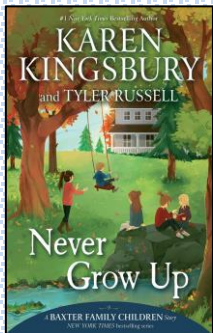
When twelve-year-olds Willa and Manny hear of a mysterious animal prowling their town, they are determined to prove it is real. Following the creature into a cave one full moon, they are swept into an alternate, ideal, world, one where pollution and conflict have been conquered decades ago and even their own families seem happier. But when they return, no one believes them. So, with a global war looming in their own world, their quest for proof of the Sideways World becomes ever-more urgent, in a nail-biting race against time. And Willa and Manny will have to make an impossible decision; because once you find a perfect world, can you ever leave it behind?

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10 to 12 years



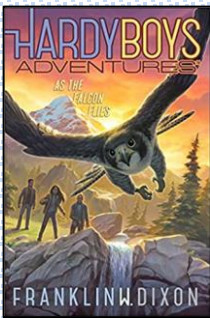
***The Last Bear*** by Hannah Gold  
9780008411312 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

There are no polar bears left on Bear Island. At least, that's what April's father tells her when his scientific research takes them to this remote Arctic outpost for six months. But one endless summer night, April meets one. He is starving, lonely and a long way from home. Determined to save him, April begins the most important journey of her life...



***Baxter Family Children 3: Never Grow Up*** by Karen Kingsbury  
9781534412224 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R160

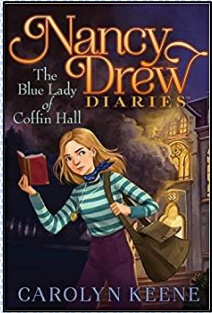
When Kari Baxter is assigned an essay about what she wants to be when she grows up, her mind goes blank. She doesn't want to grow up; she wants everything to stay just like it is. But Kari comes to realize that while making time stand still isn't possible, she can enjoy every moment with her best family ever. Meanwhile, Ashley Baxter feels the same way. She is worried her siblings are growing up too fast. When she wins the role of Wendy in her school performance of Peter Pan, Ashley gets an idea. Maybe she and her siblings can pledge to never grow up at all!



***Hardy Boys Adventures 27: As the Falcon Flies*** by Franklin W. Dixon  
9781534483255 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R140

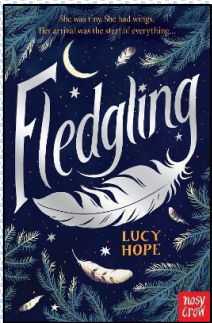
Frank and Joe Hardy are excited when their parents' friends, the Adenshaws, invite them to come visit their home in Alaska. The brothers will have the perfect guide to explore the beautiful landscape the area is known for—their hosts' daughter, Kate. During the visit, Kate introduces the Hardys to her beloved peregrine falcon. There's a major falconry competition coming up in the United Arab Emirates, and even though Kate can't compete, she, like so many others in the falconry world, is eagerly looking forward to the event. One California falconer offered to buy Kate's falcon so he could enter it in the contest. When Kate's peregrine goes missing, it looks like the Californian or someone else may have turned criminal in their ruthless desire to win. Kate is devastated, and the Hardy boys have to figure out if her falcon could have flown off or if it was stolen.

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10 to 12 years



**Nancy Drew Diaries 23: Blue Lady of Coffin Hall** by Carolyn Keene  
9781534461376 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R140

Nancy and Ned are visiting Coffin Hall, an estate turned rare books library, doing research on the library's rumored ghost for an episode of the NedTalks podcast when a fire breaks out in the records room. One of the library's security guards accuses Ned of arson--after all, he was the only one in the room when the fire started--but Ned swears it wasn't him. He was trying to stop the fire. He tells Nancy he saw a lady in blue right before the incident, and thinks it was Henrietta Coffin, the ghost of Coffin Hall! Nancy is confident her boyfriend is innocent, and she's determined to identify the real culprit, though she's pretty sure it wasn't of the paranormal sort. When she investigates further, she learns that the fire was just the latest in a string of recent strange and inexplicable incidents plaguing Coffin Hall. It's increasingly apparent that someone has more than a passing interest in shutting down the library. But who--or what--is responsible? And why?



**Fledgling** by Lucy Hope  
9781839941887 / Nosy Crow / PB / R205

A dark, gothic adventure set deep in a Bavarian forest, with angels and owls and magic and a boy who isn't all that he seems to be. A cherub is blown into Cassie Engel's bedroom during a thunderstorm, triggering a series of terrifying events. Cassie must discover if its arrival was an accident or part of something more sinister. With a self-obsessed opera singer for a mother, a strange taxidermist father, and a best friend who isn't quite what he seems, Cassie is forced to unearth the secrets of her family's past. As the dark forces gather around them, can Cassie protect all that she holds dear?



**Unplugged** by Gordon Korman  
9780062798909 / HarperCollins / PB / R125

As the son of the world's most famous tech billionaire, spoiled Jett Baranov has always gotten what he wanted. When his father's private jet drops him in the middle of the Arkansas wilderness, at a place called the Oasis, Jett can't believe it. He's forced to hand over his cell phone, eat grainy veggie patties, and participate in wholesome activities with the other kids, who he has absolutely no interest in hanging out with. As the weeks go on, Jett starts to get used to the unplugged life and even bonds with the other kids over their discovery of a baby-lizard-turned-pet, Needles. But he can't help noticing that the adults at the Oasis are acting really strange. Jett is determined to get to the bottom of things, but can he convince everybody that he is no longer just a spoiled brat who is making trouble?

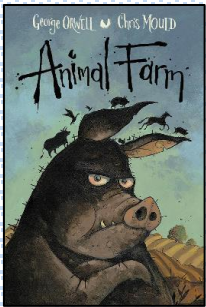


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**Enchanters Child 2: Midnight Train** by Angie Sage  
9780062875198 / HarperCollins / PB / R125

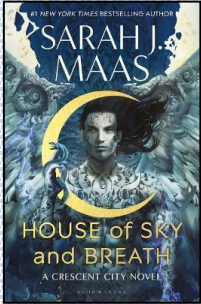
Alex is pursued by the fiendish Twilight Hauntings, monstrous Enchantments created because a prophecy foretold the king's death at the hands of an Enchanter's Child. The Twilight Hauntings are designed to rid the land of all Enchanters and their children, but Alex has other ideas. Why should she be forced to leave the place where she belongs? So now Alex is on a mission to destroy the Twilight Hauntings. And to do so she must find the very thing that created them—a magical talisman called the Tau. But where is it? In her search for the Tau, Alex enlists the reluctant help of her father and a strange assortment of people along the way. As she travels, Alex hones her magical skills and learns that even family and friends can surprise her.



**Animal Farm Illustrated** by George Orwell  
9780571355907 / HarperCollins / PB / R200

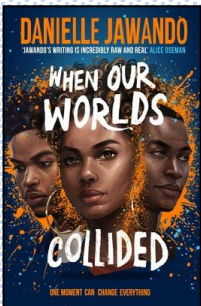
It's just an ordinary farm - until the animals revolt. They get rid of the irresponsible farmer. Two young pigs assume command. The other animals are sure that life is improving, but as systems are replaced and half-truths are re-told, a new hierarchy emerges.

February  
Young Adult



**Crescent City 2 House Sky & Breath** by Sarah J. Maas  
9781526625472 / Bloomsbury / TPB / R310

Bryce Quinlan and Hunt Athalar are trying to get back to normal—they may have saved Crescent City, but with so much upheaval in their lives lately, they mostly want a chance to relax. Slow down. Figure out what the future holds. The Asteri have kept their word so far, leaving Bryce and Hunt alone. But with the rebels chipping away at the Asteri's power, the threat the rulers pose is growing. As Bryce, Hunt, and their friends get pulled into the rebels' plans, the choice becomes clear: stay silent while others are oppressed or fight for what's right. And they've never been very good at staying silent.



**When Our Worlds Collided** by Danielle Jawando  
9781471178795 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

When fourteen-year-old Shaq is stabbed outside of a busy shopping centre in Manchester, three teenagers from very different walks of life are unexpectedly brought together. What follows flips their worlds upside down and makes Chantelle, Jackson, and Marc question the deep-rooted prejudice and racism that exists within the police, the media, and the rest of society.



**Dark Stars 3** by Danielle Rollins  
9780062680013 / HarperCollins / PB / R200

Dorothy finds herself completely alone. Roman is dead. The Chronology Protection Agency wants nothing to do with her. The Black Cirkus no longer trusts her. And Ash... Ash is gone. Dorothy has seen the evidence with her own eyes, she knows that she was the one who killed Ash. But she still has no idea how, when, or—most importantly—why. But the discovery of several missing pages from the Professor's journal drives a narrow sliver of hope into her heart. Without a ship, it should be impossible for Dorothy to travel through time. But Dorothy will do anything to protect Ash, and to save what's left of their ruined world.



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