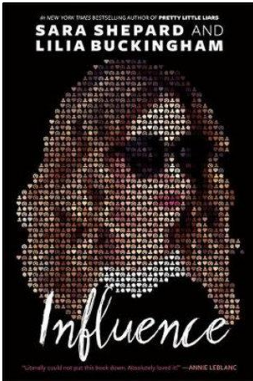


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Influence by Sara Shepard
9780349003573 / Atom / PB / R185

Delilah is internet-famous, in LA and at the start of something incredible. Everything is going to change, but not necessarily in the way she imagines.
Jasmine is a child star turned media darling. Her selfies practically break Instagram. But if the world knew who Jasmine really was? Cancelled.
Fiona is everyone's best friend, always smiling. But on the inside? The girl's a hot mess. If they discovered her secret, it wouldn't just embarrass her; it would ruin her.
Scarlet isn't just styled to perfection; she is perfection with a famous boyfriend and an online fanbase devouring her every move. But every perfect thing has a fatal flaw.
To everyone clicking, DMing, following and faving, these girls are living the dream, but are they? The sun is hot in California and someone's going to get burned.



Sea Witch Rising by Sarah Henning
9780008356101 / HarperCollins / PB / R195

Alia has made a deal with the Sea Witch to give up her life as a mermaid in exchange for a human soul. Now she has only twelve hours left on land to win the prince she loves, or perish. But Alia's sister, Runa, knows that the prince isn't capable of true love, so she makes her own bargain with the Sea Witch — and prepares to bring Alia back to the ocean, whether she likes it or not. Below the waves, the Sea Witch has a plan to challenge the order of the sea. It's going to take power — power she doesn't yet have. As Runa and the Sea Witch's fates intertwine, they find themselves caught in the middle of a deadly conflict between land and water. Will they be brave enough to sacrifice their own hearts' desires for a chance to save their world?



Tiny Pretty Things – TV tie-in by Sara Charaipotra & Dhonielle Clayton
9780008390440 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

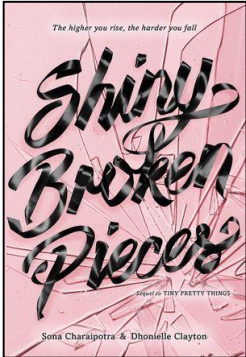
Gigi, Bette, and June, three top students at an exclusive Manhattan ballet school, have seen their fair share of drama. Free-spirited new girl Gigi just wants to dance — but the very act might kill her. Privileged New Yorker Bette's desire to escape the shadow of her ballet-star sister brings out a dangerous edge in her. And perfectionist June needs to land a lead role this year or her controlling mother will put an end to her dancing dreams forever. When every dancer is both friend and foe, the girls will sacrifice, manipulate, and backstab to be the best of the best.

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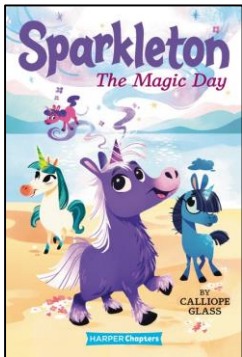
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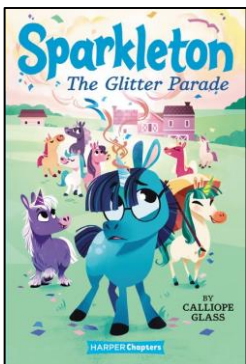
Shiny Broken Pieces by Sara Charaipotra & Dhonielle Clayton
9780008392826 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

June, Bette, and Gigi are competing one final time for a spot at the prestigious American Ballet Company. With the stakes higher than ever, these girls have everything to lose and no one is playing nice. June is starting to finally see herself as a prima ballerina. But being the best could mean sacrificing the love of her life. Legacy dancer Bette is determined to clear her name after she was suspended and accused of hurting her rival, Gigi. And Gigi is not going to let Bette — or the other dancers who bullied her — go unpunished. It all comes down to this last dance. Who will make the cut? And who will lose her dream forever?



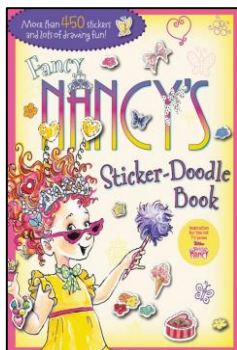
Chapters Sparkleton 1: The Magic Day by Calliope Glass
9780062947918 / HarperCollins / PB / R115

A shaggy purple unicorn does everything he can to get wish-granting powers — except his homework. Sparkleton begs his big sister to give him wish-granting powers for one whole day so he can prove how glittertastic he'll be at magic. Sure, the wishes might go terribly, horribly wrong...but what if they don't?!



Chapters Sparkleton 2: The Glitter Parade by Calliope Glass
9780062947949 / HarperCollins / PB / R115

Sparkleton's super gloomy best friend gets really embarrassing magic just in time to perform at Shimmer Lake's big parade in the second book in this glitterrific full-color, fully-illustrated chapter book series about magical unicorns. It's a magic emergency! Sparkleton's gloomiest friend, Gabe, gets his unicorn magic just in time to star in the town's big parade! But Gabe's new power is more embarrassing than a garden of moldy mushrooms. Luckily, Sparkleton has a glitterrific idea to help his friend before Gabe has to perform the worst magic ever in front of everyone he's ever known!



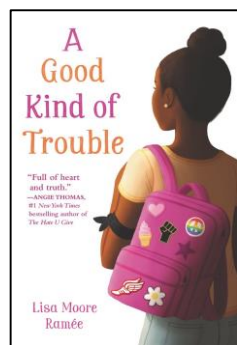
Fancy Nancy's Sticker-Doodle Book by Jane O'Connor
9780062802736 / HarperCollins / PB / R210

It's a sticker book... It's a doodle & draw book... It's STICKER-DOODLE! This new jam-packed Fancy Nancy format has over 130 pages of sticker-tivity, coloring, and drawing fun! In this new format, Fancy Nancy fans everywhere can let their creative side sparkle, dazzle, and shine! A combination of a doodle & draw book and sticker book, Fancy Nancy's Sticker-Doodle is the ultimate collection: perfect for hours of imaginative, artistic and glamorous fun. This collection includes: sections of Fancy Nancy's Absolutely Stupendous Sticker Book (with over 450 full-color stickers) and the full interior of Fancy Nancy: Express Yourself (with 64 pages of Fancy Nancy themed coloring and drawing activities).



Maximillian Fly by Angie Sage
9780062571175 / HarperCollins / PB / R150

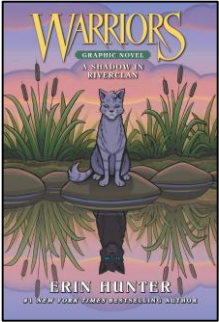
Maximillian Fly wants no trouble. Yet because he stands at six feet two, with beautiful indigo wings, long antennae, and more arms than you or me, many are frightened of him. He is a gentle creature who looks like a giant cockroach. This extraordinary human wants to prove his goodness, so he opens his door to two SilverSeed children in search of a place to hide. Instantly, Maximillian's quiet, solitary life changes. There are dangerous powers after them and they have eyes everywhere. But in this gray city of Hope trapped under the Orb, is escape even possible? *Maximillian Fly* is a masterful story brimming with suspense, plot twists, and phenomenal world building. This compelling novel delves into family dynamics and themes of prejudice, making the case for tolerance, empathy, and understanding.



A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée
9780062836694 / HarperCollins / PB / R180

Twelve-year-old Shayla is allergic to trouble. All she wants to do is to follow the rules. (Oh, and she'd also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact, learn to run track, and have a cute boy see past her giant forehead.) But in junior high, it's like all the rules have changed. Now she's suddenly questioning who her best friends are and some people at school are saying she's not black enough. Wait, what? Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides some rules are worth breaking. She starts wearing an armband to school in support of the Black Lives movement. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn't face her fear, she'll be forever tripping over the next hurdle. Now that's trouble, for real.

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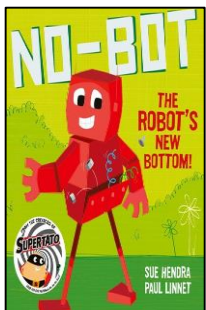
Warriors: A Shadow in RiverClan by Erin Hunter
9780062946645 / HarperCollins / PB / R250

When RiverClan fell under the rule of the vicious Tigerstar, Feathertail barely escaped with her life. With Tigerstar gone, RiverClan is trying to rebuilt in unity and peace — even if Feathertail isn't ready to forgive. But when RiverClan takes in a rogue cat named Sasha and her two kits, Feathertail must find a way to escape the shadows of the past if she is to be a part of her Clan's future.



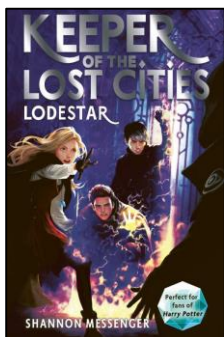
Again, Again by E. Lockhart
9781471407291 / Hot Key Books / PB / R185

When Adelaide Buchman's younger brother succumbs to a drug overdose, she saves his life. In the aftermath, looking for distraction, she becomes a stylish, bright charmer who blows off school and falls madly in love - even though her heart is shattered. Adelaide is catapulted into a summer of wild possibility, during which she will fall in and out of love a thousand times while finally confronting her brother, their history, and her own strength. A raw and funny story that will surprise you over and over, Adelaide is an indelible heroine grappling with the terrible and wonderful problem of loving other people



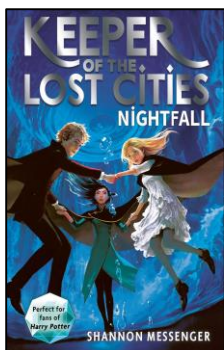
No-Bot: The Robot's New Bottom by Paul Linnet
9781471171741 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R170

When Bernard's bottom starts to make funny noises, he decides it MUST be broken! So along with his friends, he sets off in search of just the right replacement. Children will love watching No-Bot try on all kinds of strange new bottoms, from a wheel of cheese to a large red sofa! Will Bernard EVER find the perfect bottom? Find out in this laugh-out-loud, fun-filled story from the brilliant brains behind *Supertato*, *Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell*, *Barry the Fish with Fingers* and more!



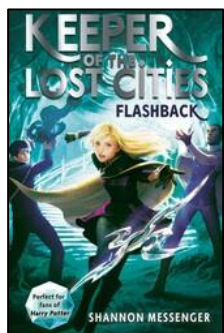
Keeper of the Lost Cities 5: Lodestar by Shannon Messenger
9781471189456 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R195

Sophie Foster is back in the Lost Cities — but the Lost Cities have changed. The threat of war hangs heavy over her glittering world, and the Neverseen are wreaking havoc. The lines between friend and enemy have blurred, and Sophie is unsure whom to trust. But when she's warned that the people she loves most will be the next victims, she knows she has to act. A mysterious symbol could be the key — if only she knew how to translate it. Every new clue seems to lead deeper into her world's underbelly and the Black Swan aren't the only ones who have plans. The Neverseen have their own Initiative, and if Sophie doesn't stop it, they might finally have the ultimate means to control her.



Keeper of the Lost Cities 6: Nightfall by Shannon Messenger
9781471189470 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R195

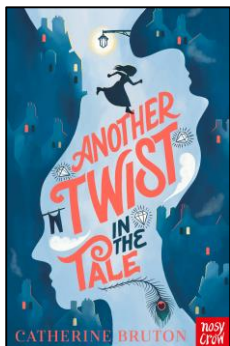
The Neverseen have had their victories — but the battle is far from over. It's time to change tactics. Make sacrifices. Re-examine everything. Maybe even time for Sophie to trust her enemies. All paths lead to Nightfall — an ominous door to an even more ominous place — and Sophie and her friends strike a dangerous bargain to get there. But nothing can prepare them for what they discover. The problems they're facing stretch deep into their history. And with time running out, and mistakes catching up with them, Sophie and her allies must join forces in ways they never have before. In this spectacular sixth book in the New York Times bestselling *Keeper of the Lost Cities* series, Sophie must uncover the truth about the Lost Cities' insidious past, before it repeats itself and changes reality.



Keeper of the Lost Cities 7: Flashback by Shannon Messenger
9781471189494 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R195

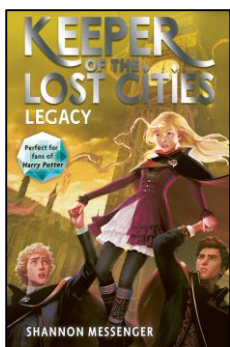
But when the Neverseen prove that Sophie's far more vulnerable than she ever imagined, she realizes it's time to change the rules. Her powerful abilities can only protect her so far. To face down ruthless enemies, she must learn to fight. Unfortunately, battle training can't help a beloved friend who's facing a whole different danger — where the only solution involves one of the biggest risks Sophie and her friends have ever taken. And the distraction might be exactly what the villains have been waiting for.

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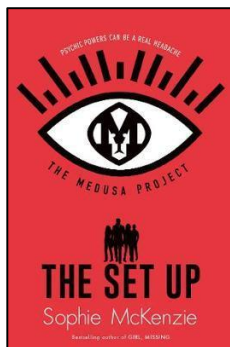
Another Twist in the Tale by Catherine Bruton
9781788005999 / Nosy Crow / PB / R180

You have heard, no doubt, the tale of Master Oliver Twist — that rags-to-riches boy; the parish orphan who became heir to the Brownlow fortune. But what few know is that there was a second Twist — a girl, brought into this world moments ahead of her brother. This is the story of Twill Twist, and her journey through the gambling dens and workhouses of London, as she attempts to make a life for herself, rescue her friends, and uncover the mystery of her past — while meeting some familiar faces along the way.



Keeper of the Lost Cities 8: Legacy by Shannon Messenger
9781471189517 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R195

Sophie Foster wants answers. But after a lifetime of lies, sometimes the truth is the most dangerous discovery. Even the smallest secret comes with terrifying new responsibilities. And Sophie's not the only one with blank spots in her past, or mysteries surrounding her family. She and her friends are part of something much bigger than they imagined—and their roles have already been chosen for them. Every clue drags them deeper into the conspiracy. Every memory forces them to question everything — especially one another. And the harder they fight, the more the lines blur between friend and enemy.

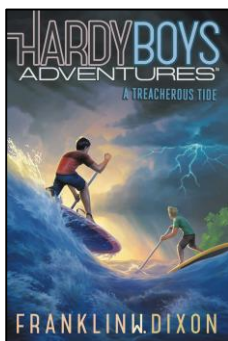


Medusa Project 1: Set Up by Sophie McKenzie
9781471189760 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R205

Fourteen years ago, scientist William Fox risked it all to achieve the impossible: he successfully implanted four babies with the Medusa gene, designed to give the recipient psychic abilities. But Fox's experiment had some devastating consequences, so the babies were hidden away for years and the Medusa gene was heard of no more. Now the children are teenagers — and about to have their minds blown as their psychic powers kick in. Cocky, charismatic Nico thinks his emerging telekinetic abilities will bring him money, power and the girl of his dreams. He's about to find out just how wrong he is. And that new friends can often turn out to be snakes in the grass...

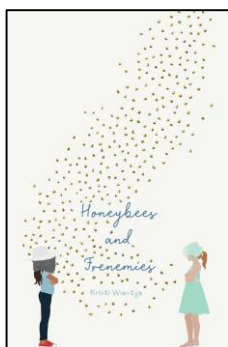
The first gripping installment in bestselling children's author Sophie McKenzie's *Medusa Project* series!.

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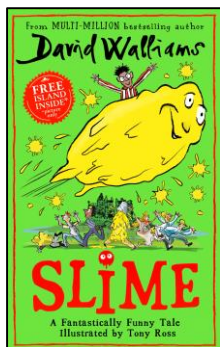
Hardy Boys Adventures 21: Treacherous Tide by Franklin W. Dixon
9781788005999 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R170

Frank and Joe Hardy have been invited to take part in a conservation mission by a marine biologist at the Bayport Aquarium. The boys get to go on an all-expenses paid trip to the lush and beautiful Florida Keys to help save sharks! But the trip's purpose is suddenly sidelined when a paddle boarder goes missing and rumors start that the disappearance is the result of a shark attack. After spending so much time learning about the local shark population, the Hardy Boys aren't buying the story. It will take all of Frank and Joe's recently acquired knowledge about sharks and their habitat to solve this case. Will they be able to discover what's really going on before it's too late?



Honeybees & Frenemies by Kristi Wientge
9781534438163 / Simon & Schuster / PB / R195

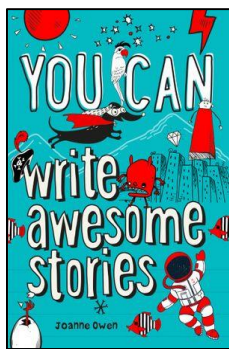
It's the summer before eighth grade and Flor is stuck at home and working at her family's mattress store, while her best friend goes off to band camp (probably to make new friends). It becomes even worse when she's asked to compete in the local honey pageant. This means Flor has to spend the summer practicing her talent (recorder) and volunteering (helping a recluse bee-keeper) with Candice, her former friend who's still bitter about losing the pageant crown to Flor when they were in second grade. And she can't say no. Then there's the possibility that Flor and her family are leaving to move in with her mom's family in New Jersey. And with how much her mom and dad have been fighting lately, is it possible that her dad may not join them? Flor can't let that happen. She has a lot of work to do.



Slime by David Walliams
9780008349141 / HarperCollins / PB / R245

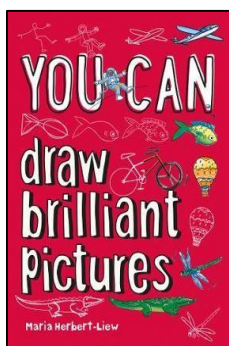
This little island is home to a large number of horrible grown-ups. The school, the local park, the toy shop and even the island's ice-cream van are all run by awful adults who like nothing more than making children miserable. And the island is owned by the most awful one of all — Aunt Greta Greed! Something needs to be done about them. But who could be brave enough? Meet Ned — an extraordinary boy with a special power. SLIMEPOWER!

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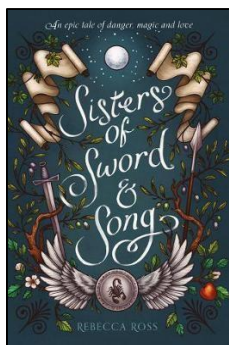
You Can: Write Awesome Stories by Joanne Owen
9780008372651 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

Get thinking, get scribbling and get inspired! The how-to book for kids who love writing. It's easy to understand and tells them exactly what they need to know step-by-step. Easy-peasy tips on how to create all kinds of stories, space to write and make the book their own, packed with fun writing activities guaranteed to spark their imagination! Kids can try lots of brilliant stuff with the fun *You Can* series from Collins — write awesome stories, draw brilliant pictures, grow your own food, take amazing photos, have an outdoor adventure, save the planet — there's something for everyone!



You Can: Draw Brilliant Pictures by Maria Herbert-Lewis
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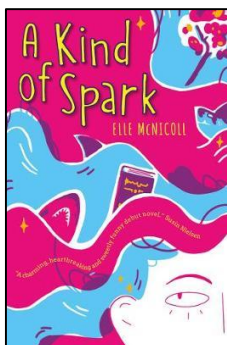
Get doodling, get drawing and get creative! Always wondered if you could draw like a pro? This book is what you need to get great at drawing in no time at all. It's easy to understand and tells you exactly what you need to know step-by-step. Easy-peasy tips on how to sketch, shade, and colour in your designs, space to draw and make the book your own, packed with fun drawing projects guaranteed to get your creative juices flowing! Kids can try lots of brilliant stuff with the fun *You Can* series from Collins — write awesome stories, draw brilliant pictures, grow your own food, take amazing photos, have an outdoor adventure, save the planet — there's something for everyone!



Sisters of Sword and Song by David Walliams
9780008246068 / HarperCollins / PB / R195

Two sisters, one unbreakable bond. Evadne is finally going to be reunited with her older sister, Halcyon, who has been serving in the queen's army for eight long years. But when Halcyon unexpectedly appears a day early, Evadne knows something is gravely wrong. Halcyon has been charged with a heinous crime and though her life is spared, she has been sentenced to fifteen years of punishment — five years of hard labour, five years of imprisonment and five years serving the house that she has wronged. Suspicious of the charges, as well as the details of the crime, Evadne volunteers to take part of her sister's terms. If there's a way to clear Halcyon's name, she'll find it. But as the sisters begin their sentences, they quickly learn that there are fates worse than death.

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A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicholl
9781913311056 / Flying Eye / PB / R205

A Kind of Spark tells the story of 11-year-old Addie as she campaigns for a memorial in memory of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches', just like there is more to hers. Can Addie challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?

A story about friendship, courage and self-belief, perfect for fans of *The Goldfish Boy*.



Midnight's Twins by Holly Race
9781471409165 / Hot Key / PB / R185

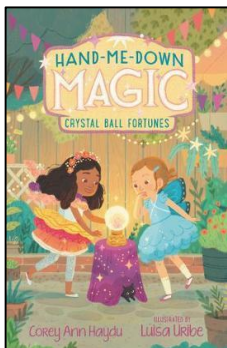
Dreams come true, but so do your nightmares ... Fern King is about to uncover a place that she could not have imagined in all her wildest dreams. Annwn is the dream mirror of our world, a place where Dreamers walk in their slumber, their dreams playing out all around them. An enchanted, mysterious place that feeds our own world - as without dreams, without a place where our imaginations and minds can be nourished, what kind of humans would we be? But Annwn is a place as full of dangers as it is wonders: it is a place where dreams can kill you. Annwn and its Dreamers are protected by an ancient order known as the Knights - and when Fern's hated twin Ollie is chosen to join their ranks, Fern will have to do whatever she can to prove she is one of them too.



Hand Me Down Magic 1: Stoop Sale Treasure by Corey Ann Haydu
9780062978257 / HarperCollins / PB / R115

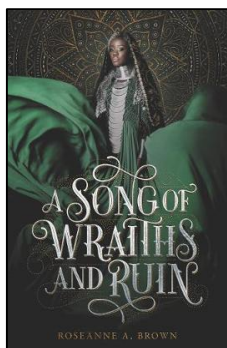
Meet the best friends at 86 1/2 Twenty-Third Avenue. Del loves LOTS of things! The Curious Cousins Secondhand Shoppe. Ginormous family dinners. And of course, her best-friend-cousin, Alma. Alma loves her *abuelita's* tasty empanadas. Her old home by the lake. And soon, she'll love living in the same place as her best-friend-cousin, Del. Yet despite having Del by her side, Alma isn't quite sure she fits in with their family at 86 1/2 Twenty-Third Avenue. It's a new life and it's all so different. When Del finds a special item at a neighbor's stoop sale, she gets so excited by the magic luck it brings-but doesn't see that it's driving the two best friends apart. Will family, friendship, and maybe a little everyday magic be enough to make things right again? Brimming with adorable illustrations and short, easy-to-read chapters, this is sure to be an instant favorite for fans of *Ivy and Bean* and *Dory Fantasmagory!*

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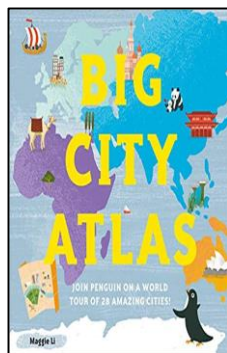
Hand Me Down Magic 2: Crystal Ball Fortunes by Corey Ann Haydu
9780062978264 / HarperCollins / PB / R205

Alma's birthday gift for Del was supposed to be delightful and daring—just like Del. Her present was a magical crystal ball, and it worked, too! All of Del's predictions for her party guests were coming true. But when Alma looks into the ball to read Del's future, she sees something frightening. Del is certain Alma has given her a bad luck fortune and that it will spell DISASTER for her. Suddenly, Del doesn't feel like the brave cousin anymore. Which means it's up to Alma to help Del face her fear—and her crystal ball fortune—with her best-friend-cousin right by her side.



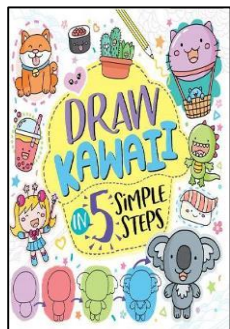
A Song of Wraiths and Ruin by Roseanne A. Brown
9781471409165 / HarperCollins / HB / R360

For Malik, the Solstasia festival is a chance to escape his war-stricken home and start a new life with his sisters in the prosperous desert city of Ziran. But when a vengeful spirit abducts his younger sister, Nadia, as payment to enter the city, Malik strikes a fatal deal—kill Karina, Crown Princess of Ziran, for Nadia's freedom. But Karina has deadly aspirations of her own. Her mother, the Sultana, has been assassinated; her court threatens mutiny; and Solstasia looms like a knife over her neck. Grief-stricken, Karina decides to resurrect her mother through ancient magic . . . requiring the beating heart of a king. And she knows just how to obtain one: by offering her hand in marriage to the victor of the Solstasia competition. When Malik rigs his way into the contest, they are set on a heart-pounding course to destroy each other. But as attraction flares between them and ancient evils stir, will they be able to see their tasks to the death?



Big City Atlas by Maggie Li
9781843654599 / Pavilion / PB / R200

Packed with information and facts about every city, this is an entertaining and educational book that enables you to travel the world from your own home. Each city has its own spread including a map of the central district, showing sites, cultural information, hot spots and famous landmarks. Look out for over 100 special details within the pages waiting to be explored! Cities included: San Francisco, Mexico City, Chicago, Toronto, New York, Washington DC, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Dublin, London, Amsterdam, Paris, Berlin, Moscow, Rome, Madrid, Cairo,



Draw Kawaii by Jess Bradley
9781780556758 / Buster Books / PB / R220

From a panda and a dinosaur to sushi and bubble tea, discover how to create loads of super-cute kawaii drawings in just five simple steps. Each spread features a drawing project with a step-by-step guide on the left-hand page. The first step is drawn again on the right-hand page, to help the reader start their own wonderful version. With 38 projects to master, this book is guaranteed to get the creative juices flowing and teach children how to draw cute animals and characters. Each project has been brought to life by illustrator Jess Bradley in a fun, kawaii-inspired style.



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