Are We There Yet?
by Dan Santat
On a seemingly endless car trip, hours move so slowly that a boy imagines time is actually moving backwards, sending him into a past full of pirates, dinosaurs, and adventure.

Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!
by Bob Shea
Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

Beasty Verse
by JooHee Yoon
Text and art are linked to bring to life sixteen animal related poems in this award-winning book.

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur
by Kallie George & Illustrated by Oriol Vidal
Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble - in this twist on the child’s game.

Earmuffs for Everyone!
by Meghan McCarthy
Learn about the invention of earmuffs by inventor and businessman Chester Greenwood in this humorous picture book.

Flowers Are Calling
by Rita Gray
Playful rhyming text and factual callouts describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

Freedom in Congo Square
by Carole Boston Weatherford & Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie
Because of the unjust system of 19th century Louisiana, the slaves are forced to work all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing, and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

Gaston
by Kelly DiPucchio & Illustrated by Christian Robinson
What does it take for a bulldog to fit in with his proper poodle family? It turns out to be something simple: love.

Get a Hit, Mo!
by David A. Adler
Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

The Grasshopper & the Ants
by Jerry Pinkney
The third in his retellings of Aesop’s Fables, Pinkney shows the grasshopper why the ants have worked so hard, and the ants learn the value of sharing.

Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons
by Jon J. Muth
Koo the panda is back and discovering each season through poetry.

Ice Cream Summer
by Peter Sís
Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

I Don’t Want to Be a Frog
by Dev Petty & Illustrated by Mike Boldt
A frog imagines what it would be like to be a rabbit, a cat, and other animals in this silly story.

I Got the Rhythm
by Connie Schofield-Morrison
A neighborhood walk becomes so much more as a little girl explores the music and sound of everyday urban life.

Lenny & Lucy
by Philip C. Stead & Illustrated by Erin E. Stead
Peter uses his imagination and pillows to create Lenny, the Guardian of the Bridge, and realizes that something is missing - a friend for Lenny.

My New Friend Is So Fun!
by Mo Willems
Will a new friend break up Piggie and Gerald’s friendship?

Power Down, Little Robot
by Anna Staniszewski & Illustrated by Tim Zeltner
This little robot has no plans to go to bed!

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole
by Mac Barnett & Illustrated by Joon Klassen
Sam and Dave do not find what they expect when they dig a hole, but they still end up having a pretty good day.

Strictly No Elephants
by Lisa Mantchev & Illustrated by Taeun Yoo
Pets - and friends - come in all shapes and sizes.

Surf’s Up
by Kwame Alexander & Illustrated by Daniel Miyares
Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

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**Grades 3-5**

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**Audacity Jones to the Rescue**
by Kirby Larson
Audie Jones finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime when she is taken to Washington, D.C., where sinister goings-on are afoot.

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**A Dragon’s Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans**
by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder & Illustrated by Mary GrandPré
A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

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**The Blackthorn Key**
by Kevin Sands
This adventure, filled with suspense, mystery, and unforgettable characters, follows Christopher Rowe as he learns a mysterious cult is preying on London’s apothecaries, and the trail of murders is growing closer and closer to Blackthorn’s shop.

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**Crimebitters! My Dog Is Better Than Your Dog**
by Tommy Greenwald & Illustrated by Adam Stower
Jimmy suspects his dog is a crime-fighting vampire; can the canine’s superskills help track down who stole his mother’s diamond necklace? 1st in a series!

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**Fable Comics**
Edited by Chris Duffy
Various graphic novelists retell twenty-eight fables from different cultures and traditions in this vibrant collection of comics.

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**Honey**
by Sarah Weeks
When she realizes her dad may have a secret girlfriend, Melody sets out to find out who it is.

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**The Last Kids on Earth**
by Max Brallier & Illustrated by Douglas Holgate
Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead, this graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan and friends find themselves cornered by zombies.

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**Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph**
by Roxane Orgill & Illustrated by Francis Vallejo
This collection of poetry focuses on the process art designer Art Kane went through to photograph what became the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

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**The Jumbies**
by Tracey Baptiste
Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. 1st in a series!

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**My Pet Human**
by Yasmine Surovec
An independent cat resists being tied down by a human pet in this fun tale.

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**Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California’s Farallon Islands**
by Katherine Roy
This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.

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**Oona Finds an Egg**
by Adele Griffin & Illustrated by Mike Wu
Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her quest in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. 1st in a series!

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**Project Blastoff**
by Mark Kelly & Martha Freeman
Twins Mark and Scott Kelly are about to embark on an adventure of epic proportions as they build and engineer their own rocket ship. 1st in a series!

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**The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)**
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**Upside-Down Magic**
by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, & Emily Jenkins
After some mishaps with unpredictable magic, Nory is sent to the Dunwiddle Magic School’s Upside-Down Magic class in this funny and magical novel. 1st in a series!

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**Sports-loving Lola**
meets The Walking Dead
by Douglas Holgate
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[ALSC - Associated Librarian Service to Children]
Beetle Boy
by M. G. Leonard
Illustrated by Julia Sarda
A giant talking beetle and cast of crazy characters help Darkus search for his missing father, a famous entomologist. 1st in a series!

Booked
by Kwame Alexander
The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are explored in this novel in verse.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club
by Phillip Hoose
A group of teenagers in Denmark resist the Nazi invasion of their country and inspire others to follow suit in this award-winning nonfiction book.

Dead to Me
by Mary McCoy
16 year-old Alice tries to piece together the events that lead to her older sister winding up in a coma.

Dream On, Amber
by Emma Shevah
Amber’s father left when she was little, so now she fills in the frustrating gap in her life with imagined conversations to help her deal with art projects, bullies, and little sisters.

Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary
by Gail Jaramow
Learn about this dreaded disease that ravaged our country early in the 20th century in this nonfiction title that reads like a medical mystery.

Fearsome Creatures of the Lumberwoods
by Hal Johnson & Illustrated by Tom Mead
This reworking of American tall tales features stories of fearsome legendary creatures of the wooded wilds of early North America, including the snogiloster, the hodag, and the hoop snake. Cool glow-in-the-dark drawings add to the creepy tone.

Fishing in a Tree
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting into trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

The Great Greene Heist
by Varian Johnson
Jackson Greene vowed never to get involved in another middle-school con, but he is put to the test when the girl of his dreams runs for class president.

Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel
by Megan Morrison
After leaving her tower for the first time, Rapunzel joins Jack Beanstalker on a journey through the lands of Tyme. 1st in a series!

Hour of the Bees
By Lindsay Eagar
Carol is stuck in the New Mexican desert with her family and her grandfather, who suffers from dementia. Her world is rocked by the stories he tells her during that time.

The Iron Trial
by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare
Despite his father’s warnings about the dangers of magic, Callum enrolls in the Magisterium and begins to learn about himself and his own bewildering powers.

The Mark of the Dragonfly
by Jaleigh Johnson
When plucky machinist Piper saves Anna after a meteor shower, both girls stow away on an amored train to escape the man chasing them.

Masterminds
by Gordon Korman
After living in a perfect town his whole life, Eli discovers secrets that will change everything. 1st in a series!

Me & Miranda Mullaly
by Jake Gerhardt
Three boys all trying to gain the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War
by Steve Sheinkin
From the Oval Office to the editor’s office of the New York Times, Sheinkin tells a tale of government secrecy and manipulation that is still relevant today.

Serafina and the Black Cloak
by Robert Beatty
At the turn of the century, a 12 year-old secretly living in the basement of the Biltmore Estate solves an ancient evil and unravels her family history.

Some Kind of Courage
by Dan Gemeinhart
Bears, bandits, and raging rapids can’t stop Joseph from searching for what’s left of his family - his beloved horse, Sarah - across the American Northwest frontier.

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Amada
By Ernest Cline
Zack Lightman has spent his life that the real world could be a little more like the countless science-fiction books, movies, and videogames he’s spent his life consuming. And then one day it is.

Bone Gap
by Laura Ruby
Told from alternating viewpoints, Bone Gap perfectly melds elements of fairy tales, myths, gothic romance, and magical realism into the story of Finn, who lives in a town with gaps in the very fabric of time and place.

Bones & All
by Camille DeAngelis
16 year-old Maren literally eats the ones who love her, bones and all. When her mother abandons her, Maren sets out to find the father she has never met, hoping he can help her understand why she is a monster.

The Dogs
by Allan Stratton
Cameron and his mom have been on the run from his father for five years. At least, that’s what he’s been told. But when they settle in a lonesome farmhouse, Cameron starts to see and hear things that aren’t possible.

Everything
by Nicola Yoon
Madeline Whittier is allergic to the world and hasn’t left her house in 17 years. When Olly moves in next door with his own complex life, Madley feels like she can see her future - and it could be a disaster.

Everything I Never Told You
by Celeste Ng
Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when dead Lydia’s body is found, the delicate balance keeping the Lee’s together is destroyed, tumbling them into the chaos of family secrets.

The Dead House
by Dawn Kurtagich
 Carly and Kaitlyn live in the same body - one is awake during the day, the other comes out at night. Makes a great audiobook, but don’t listen in the dark!

by Sam Maggs
An illustrated guide to navigating the world of fandom and conventions for female geeks.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
by J.K. Rowling
An introduction to the magical beasts that exist in the magical, non-Muggle world. Watch for the movie in theatres soon!

The Ghosts of Heaven
by Marcus Sedgwick
What’s a god to do? 1st in the series!

The Dogs
by Allan Stratton
Sedgwick connects four stories, each of which feature a character haunted by the ever-present shape of a spiral. Spanning time, space, and genre, these stories raise questions about human nature.

Highly Illogical Behaviour
by John Corey Whaley
Sixteen-year-old Solomon is agoraphobic. He hasn’t left the house in three years, which is fine by him. Until he meets Lisa.

Humans of New York: Stories
by Brandon Stanton
In pictures and interviews, photojournalist Brandon Stanton collects a range of human emotions and perspectives. His photos draw us in and their subjects’ words leave us wondering and cheering at the variety of humanity.

The Last Time We Said Goodbye
by Cynthia Hand
When Lex’s seemingly happy-go-lucky older brother commits suicide, his tragic act affects everyone differently.

The Liars
by E. Lockhart
A group of four friends - The Liars - whose friendship turns destructive. You’ll want to read it again to catch all the lies...

The Problem with Forever
by Jennifer L. Armentrout
For some people, silence is a weapon. For Mallory “Mouse” Dodge, it’s a shield.

The Troop
by Nick Cutter
Once a year, scoutmaster Tim Riggs leads a troop of boys into the Canadian wilderness for a 3-day camping trip. But when an unexpected intruder—shockingly thin, disturbingly pale, and voraciously hungry—stumbles upon their campsite, Tim and the boys are exposed to something far more frightening than they could ever imagine.

The Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle
by Rick Riordan
After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus.

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Are We There, Yeti? Collect 2 Pristine Yeti Horns for Umi Rumplesnicker in Everlook. Pristine Yeti Horn (2). The Wowhead Client is a little application we use to keep our database up to date, and to provide you with some nifty extra functionality on the website! It serves 2 main purposes: It maintains a WoW addon called the Wowhead Looter, which collects data as you play the game!
The problem is Are We There Yet, apart from the odd chuckle, isn't really that funny. The script is incredibly clunky, and the story was too predictable and the characters too clichéd to make the film likable and credible. Aside from Ice Cube the other acting is either forgettable or irritating. The direction is not very good, and the pacing is uneven throughout. Overall, Are We There Yet does have its moments, but to be honest it isn't particularly good. Worst family film? No, I don't think so. Adventure, comedy, family. Director: Brian Levant. Starring: Aleisha Allen, C. Ernst Harth, Henry Simmons and others. The fledgling romance between Nick, a playboy bachelor, and Suzanne, a divorced mother of two, is threatened by a particularly harrowing New Years Eve. When Suzanne's work keeps her in Vancouver for the holiday, Nick offers to bring her kids to the city from Portland, Oregon. The kids, who have never liked any of the men their mom dates, are determined to turn the trip into a nightmare for Nick. Running time: 1:35:00.