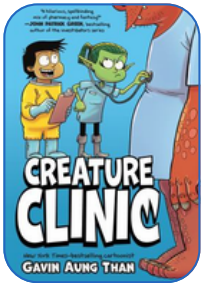




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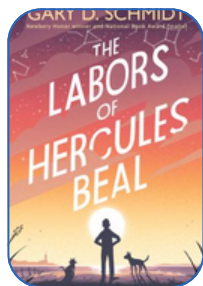


CREATURE CLINIC
by Gavin Aung Than

Doctor-in-training Kara Orc sees many unusual patients at the Creature Clinic, the world's only hospital for mythical creatures. When Mitch, a human, unexpectedly needs to stay despite a "no humans allowed" policy, Dr. Kara has to do what's right. Even if it means going head-to-head with the chief of medicine- her mom.

THE PARTITION PROJECT
by Saadia Faruqi

Maha discovers that history is personal when she searches for a documentary topic for her media studies class. While listening to stories of her Dadi's youth, Maha discovers that Pakistan's split from India, an event that tore her family and millions of others' lives apart, is a story worth sharing.



THE LABORS OF HERCULES BEAL
by Gary D. Schmidt

Hercules Beal is named after a mythical hero, yet feels nothing like him. When his teacher gives him one assignment, to complete the Twelve Labors of Hercules in real life, Herc thinks it's impossible. With no magical monsters around, can he find the strength to face his own challenges and live up to his namesake?

THE QUEEN OF OCEAN PARKWAY
by Sarvenaz Tash, art by Ericka Lugo

Roya faces a boring summer stuck in the apartment building where her mom is the superintendent. But when a tenant goes missing, she teams up with new kid Amin to solve the mystery. In the process she learns about New York City history and goes farther than she ever dreamed possible.

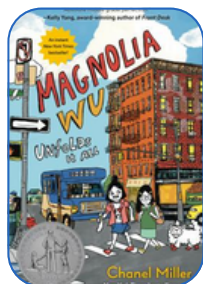
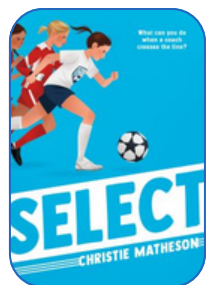


LITTLE MONARCHS
by Jonathan Case

In a dystopian future, where the sun has killed almost every mammal, Elvie and her caregiver, Flora, have finally found a cure for the deadly sun sickness. But making enough antidote is not even the hardest part: can they endure sickness, natural disasters, and other sinister survivors?

SELECT
by Christie Matheson

Alex is really good at soccer and an elite soccer club called Select wants her on the team. The new team is hard work, but that's good, right? Alex encounters bullies and elitism on the new team, but not where you think. Can Alex find a way to stay true to herself and still love soccer?

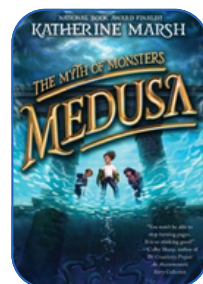


MAGNOLIA WU UNFOLDS IT ALL
by Chanel Miller

Magnolia Wu is looking for adventure beyond her parents' NYC laundromat. When she makes a like-minded new friend, the girls set out to reunite Magnolia's collection of lost socks with their owners. Through each investigation the sock detectives get to know more about their city and how to be good friends.

SQUIRE & KNIGHT
by Scott Chantler

When Sir Kelton rushes off to slay the dragon terrorizing Bridgetown, his young squire stays behind to investigate the town's mysterious curse. Using wit and research, the squire uncovers secrets that might save the town, reveal the true danger, and show that brains can be mightier than brawn.



THE MYTH OF MONSTERS: MEDUSA
by Katherine Marsh

Ava and Jax's mother attended Accademia del Forte, and now it's their turn. They discover that the school's goal is to teach descendants of mythical monsters to control their powers- or else. Soon, Ava and her friends are on a quest of mythic proportions to uncover the truth about the past and their futures

TIG
by Heather Smith

After moving in with her uncle and his husband, Tig isn't sure she belongs in their perfect town. Between cheese races, bold ideas, and caring for a dog with a rough past, Tig learns that family isn't about perfection; it's about love, trust, and finding your place to belong.

