

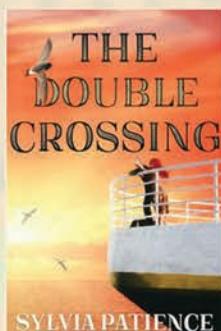
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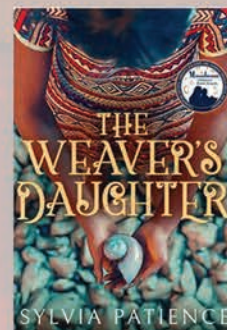
In 1939, shortly before World War II breaks out in Europe, thirteen-year-olds David and Hannah attempt to escape Nazi Germany, along with over nine hundred other Jewish refugees, on the historic voyage of the St. Louis.

Together, they discover a Nazi spy plot, and dare to interfere, nearly at the cost of Hannah's life.

When the ship is forced to return to Europe, the passengers are divided between four countries. Despite their wishes, David and Hannah are sent to different destinations ... perhaps separated forever.



THE DOUBLE CROSSING
Sylvia Patience



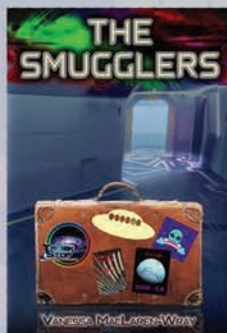
THE WEAVER'S DAUGHTER
Sylvia Patience

"Sometimes people disappear into the North and are never heard from again."

When her papá doesn't return, twelve-year-old Ixchel, a Maya from the Yucatan, resolves to leave home and make her way across the treacherous border into the United States to find him. Chel relies on an inexperienced smuggler and faces unknown dangers in a border tunnel.

Frightened, but resourceful, she is driven by hope, love for her father, and her dream of going to school.

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THE SMUGGLERS
Vanessa MacLaren-Wray

Attachment is everything.

Mother says, "Don't name the merchandise," and "Don't let the humans see you."

But Boy can't resist naming the cute, fuzzy ball of feathers and knife-sharp talons they're delivering. And why be afraid of weak, ignorant humans?

Plus, this old skinsuit works, but it's getting cramped. Maybe it's time for a change.



HAYCORN SMITH AND THE CASTLE GHOST
John Kachuba

A boy is in danger when he stumbles upon a crime committed by two prominent men of his town, but finds an unusual ally in the form of a castle ghost.

Twelve-year-old Haycorn may know all about ghosts of Ohio, but even he is stunned when he and his friend Budge encounter a ghost in a castle.

The boys witness a clandestine meeting there between two men involving a kick-back scheme, putting their lives, and that of Haycorn's mother, in jeopardy.

But the ghost may have other plans for all of them.



A WRECK OF DRAGONS

Elaine Isaak

Teens and their giant robots search for a new home for mankind, but the planet they discover belongs to the dragons.

Two hundred years after the Climate Wars left Earth uninhabitable, Johari and his giant robot companion lead a squad of scouts on a quest for a new Goldilocks planet to settle the remnants of the human race.

When one of the scouts and his bot go down in a hostile wilderness, Johari's fight to save them reveals complex behavior in the dragon-like dominant species. The scout team fragments as Johari strives to rescue his friends and discover the truth about the aliens.

If he's right, mankind will lose its best hope for a home – or sacrifice its own humanity.



SAYING GOODBYE

J Dark

A young girl, searching for the parents who abandoned her, discovers that some answers only lead to more questions.



SMASH THE WORLD'S SHELL

Daniel Fliederbaum

A fractured world. An impossible friendship.

When a mysterious ring suddenly appears on reclusive teenager Ellen's bookshelf, she is granted the power to travel miles away from everything she's ever known. There she meets Shard, a friendly dragon who offers to help Ellen grow her stunted-since-birth magic. Although it seems too good to be true, Ellen accepts, sure she can conquer her self-hatred by becoming an accomplished magician. Little does she know, her magical voyages have raised the suspicions of those who would destroy her.



SNAIL'S PACE

Susan McDonough-Wachtman

Orphaned and penniless in Hong Kong in 1884 – what's a young gentlewoman to do?

Impulsive, adventurous, and self-confident, Susannah accepts an offer to become the governess to a young foreigner on a ship. She does not expect the ship to be in space, or the foreign child to be an alien who looks like a giant snail. Nevertheless, she throws herself into the job of bringing Victorian decorum to the natives.

But when she is accused of spying and put on trial in an alien court, Susannah has to challenge the law of the aliens to save herself – and her young and slimy student.



THE ABDUCTION OF JOSHUA BLOOM

Michael L. Thal

Abducted by aliens, a high school track star explores strange worlds, uncovers genocide on a planetary scale, and is thrust into extraterrestrial politics that decides the fate of an Earth on the brink of war or unification.

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