Benjamin, Ali. *The Next Great Paulie Fink*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2019. 360 p. (Grades 5-8). Seventh-grader Caitlyn is the new student in a small rural school where everyone is obsessed with a student named Paulie Fink. Paulie Fink has mysteriously not returned to school and his charisma and class clown antics seem to be all that the students can talk about. Caitlyn finds herself nominated to run a contest to find “The Next Great Paulie Fink.”

Blake, Ashley Herring. *The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2019. 375 p. (Grades 4-6). As a heart transplant kid, Sunny’s greatest fear has always been dying before she got her kiss from a boy. When she meets Quinn, Sunny begins to wonder if it’s a boy she wants to kiss at all. Add to the mix the return of Sunny’s absentee mother, who now wants to be a part of Sunny’s life, and Sunny must balance this family turmoil with the already challenging facets of being a preteen.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Beverly, Right Here*. Massachusetts: Candlewick. 2019. 256 p. (Grades 5-6). Fourteen-year old Beverly Tapinski has run away again, but this time she’s serious. She’s not coming back. Beverly has a family, but they don’t care much about what she does. Her best friend, her dog Buddy, who could always understand her has died. Beverly sets off to make her own way in the world. She ends up in a tiny Florida town and finds a family and some friends in a very unlikely way, but these strange people show her unconditional love, which is all she’s ever wanted.

Dionne, Erin. *Secrets of a Fangirl*. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, and imprint of Scholastic, Inc., 2019. 260 p. (Grades 4-8). Sarah Anne is popular. She’s on the lacrosse team and is considered a cool girl. However, she is secretly a major geek and is scared to death that the popular kids might find out! Sarah Anne creates a list of rules to keep her two lives separate, but soon learns that this is way more difficult than expected.

Funaro, Gregory. *Watch Hollow*. New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 2019. 246 p. (Grades 3-7). Siblings, Lucy and Oliver Tinker, move with their father to the remote town of Watch Hollow after a stranger offers him a job that seems too good to be true. All Mr. Tinker has to do is fix the grand old cuckoo clock at the mysterious Blackford House, and they will receive a very generous amount of money. Lucy and Oliver soon discover that Blackford house holds many dark secrets, including talking animals and a dangerous monster, and sits in the middle of an enchanted forest.

know what has happened to her. “The Whispers” are the town’s tale of all-knowing beings from the woods that make one’s desires come true. While on a hunt for The Whispers, Riley grapples with his mother’s disappearance and his own feelings for another boy.

Hunt, Lisa Mullaly. *Shouting at the Rain*. New York: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2019. 278 p. (Grades 4-7). Delsie knows a lot about weather, growing up on Cape Cod and her life feels like one of the sudden storms that appear. Her mom left her as a baby, her beloved grandfather has died leaving her and her grandmother struggling to get by, and her best friend has become her tormentor. Delcie must rely on her true friends and her tight knit and loving community to help her find the sunshine.

Levenseller, Tricia. *Warrior of the Wild*. New York: MacMillan Publishing Group, LLC., 2019. 329 p. (Grades 9-12). Rasmira’s life has been dedicated to becoming a warrior. She is the chosen heir of her fathers and one day will lead her village. But, when tragedy strikes during her coming-of-age trial and she fails, she is banished by her father into the wild. To win back her honor and to come home, she must kill the monster who wreaks havoc on her village, or die trying.

Northrup, Michael. *On Thin Ice*. New York: Scholastic Press. 2019. 240 p. (Grades 4-7). Seventh grader, Ked Easkins has just discovered that his dad has gambled away their rent money – again. They have moved so many times, Ked is determined to figure out a way to earn back the money his dad lost. In addition to worrying about money, Ked has a spine disorder that causes him to have a large hump in his back, which in an unfortunate invitation to be bullied. Ked develops a plan to put together a mini bike with the help of the school’s maker space and make back the rent money his dad lost.

Ostler, Scott. *Bouncing Back*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2019. 304 p. (Grades 4-6). Carlos Cooper was a superstar on the basketball court until one day he found himself in a wheelchair. Struggling with his new predicament, his aunt signs him up to play for the Rollin’ Rats, a wheelchair basketball team. Just as he’s adjusting to his new life and friends, the local gym they practice at shuts down. How will he and his friends overcome the obstacle so they can compete for the league championships?

Pau Preto, Nicki. *Crown of Feathers*. New York: Simon Pulse. 2019. 486 p. (Grades 7 - 12). Veronyka is a war orphan who lives with her controlling sister. She dreams of training to be a phoenix rider like the heroes of the past. One day, after her sister betrays her, Veronika escapes her sister and journeys to the training camp of the phoenix riders. To train with the riders, she must disguise herself as a boy and hope no one discovers her secret.
Rogerson, Margaret. *Sorcery of Thorns*. New York: Simon and Schuster CHildren’s Publishing Division, 2019. 456 p. (Grades 7 and up). Elizabeth must use her talents to catch an evil grimoire and to get herself out of trouble. She must make an alliance with Nathaniel who helps her question everything she has been taught about books and sorcery.

Van Arsdale, PAternelle. *The Cold in Her Bones*. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2019. P. 278 (Grades 7-12). Seeking to prevent their daughter from falling victim to the curse, 16 year old Milla’s parents shelter her on a secluded farm and follow all of the rituals said to keep the demons away. After finally making a friend, Milla must seek answers to save her when she becomes possessed and taken away. When Mille, herself, begins to show signs of the curse she knows she must uncover the truth, even if it exposes her family’s troubling past.