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Best Books of 2016

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***Audacity Jones to the Rescue* – Kirby Larson**

+Larson *

In 1910, Audacity Jones is an eleven-year-old orphan living a monotonous life at Miss Maisie's School for Wayward Girls, and wondering why nothing exciting ever happens--but when the mysterious Commodore Crutchfield whisks her away to Washington D.C., she finds herself involved in a sinister and dangerous plot against the president of the United States.

***The Best Man* – Richard Peck**

+Peck *

Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

***The Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo* – Drew Weing**

+Weing Graphic Novel

After moving to Echo City, Charles finds himself at the mercy of the town's monsters, but lucky for him there is Margo Maloo, monster mediator.

***Donny's Inferno* – P. W. Catanese**

+Catanese

In a moment of desperation, Donny Taylor accepts an offer from a demon who will save his life if he works for her, and soon he finds himself in Hell but a new, kinder, gentler Hell where not everyone is happy about the changes and some will do anything to bring back traditional ways.

***Edible Gardening* – Lisa J. Amstutz**

+635 Ams

Provides readers with gardening projects for edible plants.

***The Evil Wizard Smallbone* – Delia Sherman**

+Sherman *

When 12-year-old Nick runs away from his uncles in the middle of a blizzard, he stumbles into the Evil Wizard Smallbone, who calls Nick his apprentice and won't let him leave his bookstore, but won't teach him magic either. It's a good thing the bookstore takes Nick's magical education in hand, because Smallbone's nemesis, the Evil Wizard Fidelouand, and his pack of shape-shifting bikers are howling at the borders.

***Forest of Wonders (Wing & Claw #1)* – Linda Sue Park**

+Park; +CD-Audio Bk Par *

When Raffa makes a cure from a rare crimson vine he finds deep in the forbidden forest, the bat he saves transforms into something much more.

***Friday Barnes, Girl Detective* – R. A. Spratt**

+Spratt

A genius girl detective discovers her ultra-exclusive boarding school is a hotbed of crime, from missing homework and stolen lemon tarts to a mysterious yeti haunting the school swamp.

***Full of Beans* – Jennifer L. Holm**

+Holm; +CD-Audio Bk Hol *

Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort.

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***Garvey's Choice* – Nikki Grimes**

+Grimes *

When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey's life changes. The chorus finds a new soloist in Garvey, and through chorus, Garvey finds a way to accept himself, and a way to finally reach his distant father by speaking the language of music instead of the language of sports.

***Gertie's Leap to Greatness* – Kate Beasley**

+Beasley *

Gertie is a girl on a mission to be the best fifth grader ever in order to show her estranged mother that Gertie doesn't need her--not one bit!

***The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Regan Barnhill**

+Barnhill; +CD-Audio Bk Bar *

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

***The Great Monkey Rescue: Saving the Golden Lion Tamarins* – Sandra Markle**

+639.97 Mar

A look at the plight of the golden lion tamarin for children.

***The Inquisitor's Tale* – Adam Gidwitz**

+Gidwitz; +CD-Audio Bk Gid *

A peasant girl and her holy greyhound, an oblate on a mission from his monastery, and a young Jewish boy travel across medieval France to escape persecution and save holy texts from being burned.

***It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* – Firoozeh Dumas**

+Dumas

Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

***The Lincoln Project (Flashback Four #1)* – Dan Gutman**

+Gutman

Miss Z, a mysterious billionaire and a collector of rare photographs, is sending her four recruits back in time on a mission to capture, for the first time, one of the most important moments in American history--Abraham Lincoln giving his famous Gettysburg address.

***Maybe a Fox* – Kathi Appelt**

+Appelt *

When Sylvie throws a wish rock in the river one a snowy morning, she runs so fast that no one sees what happens ... and no one ever sees her again. Jules is devastated, but she refuses to believe, that--like their mother--her sister is gone forever. At the very same time, in the shadow world, a shadow fox is born --and she senses something is very wrong.

***Mighty Jack (Vol. 1)* – Ben Hatke**

+Hatke Graphic Novel

Jack's little garden behind the house quickly grows up into a wild, magical jungle with tiny onion babies running amok, huge, pink pumpkins that bite, and, on one moonlit night that changes everything...a dragon.

***Moo* – Sharon Creech**

+Creech; +Audio Bk Playaway Cre *

When Reena and her family move to Maine, she is ready for beaches, blueberries, and all the lobster she can eat. Instead, her parents "volunteer" her to work for an eccentric neighbor, who has owns a stubborn cow, named Zora.



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***One Half from the East* – Nadia Hashimi**

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Obayda's family is in need of some good fortune. Her father lost one of his legs in a bomb explosion, forcing the family to move from Kabul to a small village, where life is very different and Obayda's father almost never leaves his room. One day, Obayda's aunt has an idea to bring the family luck -- dress Obayda, the youngest of her sisters, as a boy, a bacha posh. Now Obayda is Obayd.

***Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals* – Jess Keating** +591.4 Kea

An informative introduction to the weirdest, wildest, pinkest creatures in the animal kingdom.

***The Poet's Dog* – Patricia MacLachlan**

+MacLachlan

A dog with unusual communication talents loses his poet owner before rescuing two children trapped in a snowstorm and leading them to the poet's cabin, where the children explore the memories that the poet has left behind.

***Song for a Scarlet Runner* – Julie Hunt**

+Hunt

Peat is on the run - forced to flee for her life when she's blamed for bringing bad luck to her village. She heads for the endless marshes, where she's caught by an old healer-woman who makes Peat her apprentice and teaches her the skill of storytelling. Her friends are a 900-year-old boy and his ghost hound, plus a small and slippery sleek.

***Sweet Home Alaska* – Carole Estby Dagg**

+Dagg; +CD-Audio Bk Dag

In 1934, 11-year-old Terpsichore's father signs up for President Roosevelt's Palmer Colony project, uprooting the family from Wisconsin to become pioneers in Alaska, where she refuses to let rough conditions impede her grand adventure.

***When the Sea Turned to Silver* – Grace Lin**

+Lin; +CD-Audio Bk Lin *

The Emperor kidnaps the storyteller, and determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, facing legendary obstacles.

