



## Children's Booklist 2025: Survival and Adventure

### Grades 4 & 5



#### The Last Kids on Earth and the Monster Dimension

by Max Brallier

To get the answers he seeks about his powerful Cosmic Hand, which might be able to stop the inevitable from happening, Jack must travel farther than he's ever been-- to the monster dimension.



#### Into the Wild

by Anh Do

Disaster separates Gwen from her family, and while fending for herself alone in the wilderness, a wolf puppy, a Labrador, a Chihuahua and a greyhound save her life and become her new canine found-family.



#### Happy Town

by Greg Van Eekhout

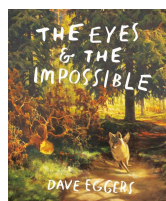
Keegan's family moves to a remote company town that seems perfect on the surface, but when Keegan discovers a dangerous glitch in the system that's turning the town's happy residents into zombies, he and his friends need to find a way to destroy it.



#### The War of the Witches

by Zetta Elliott

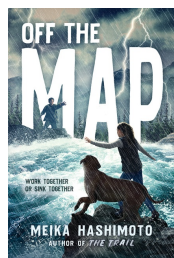
When an ancient monster called the Scourge is released and sets its sights on the human realm, Jax and his friends search for a peaceful way for humans and magical creatures to live in harmony as the witches prepare for war.



#### The Eyes & the Impossible

by Dave Eggers

From the award-winning author of *The Every* and the illustrator behind the beloved picture book *Her Right Foot* comes an endearing and beautifully illustrated story of a dog who unwittingly becomes a hero to a park full of animals.



#### Off the Map

by Meika Hashimoto

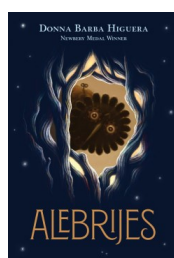
Amos and Marlo have always been best friends, until Amos stopped talking to Marlo, and when their parents surprise them with a canoe trip, they get lost, head for a waterfall and try to get to safety.



#### Things in the Basement

by Ben Hatke

It was supposed to just be a normal basement--some storage boxes, dust, you know, the usual basement stuff. But when Milo is sent by his mother to fetch a sock from the basement of the historic home they've moved into, Milo finds a door in the back that he's never seen before, which allows him to travel ever deeper into 'basement world.'



#### Alebrijes

by Donna Barba Higuera

When thirteen-year-old Leandro takes the fall for his sister and is exiled into an ancient drone, he embarks on a perilous journey beyond the city's walls where he encounters mutant monsters, wasteland pirates, and fellow outcasts as he tries to save his sister.

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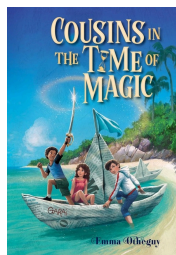
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### Deer Run Home : A Novel in Verse

by Ann Clare LeZotte

Moving into her father's trailer after an incident at her mom's house, Effie, who is deaf, gets tired of him stomping, pointing and making thoughtless jokes to communicate with her and wonders if telling the terrible secret she carries is the only way out.



### Cousins in the Time of Magic

by Emma Otheguy

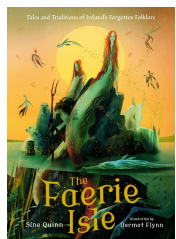
Cousins Jorge, Camila and Siggy are transported through a time portal in their aunt's yard to 1862 and must race to deliver a sword to General Ignacio Zaragoza in time for the historic Battle of Puebla in Mexico.



### A Wolf Called Fire : A Voice of the Wilderness Novel

by Rosanne Parry

Warm is the smallest pup of the wolf pack, and when enemy wolves come, Warm leads the others away and must become the heart and head of a new pack, in a story inspired by a real Yellowstone wolf.



### The Faerie Isle : Tales and Traditions of Ireland's Forgotten Folklore

by S  ine Quinn

Watch for seal-skinned selkies coming to shore every ninth day to dance--but keep a safe distance, lest you become mesmerized. If you spy a fair mermaid combing her hair

whilst sitting upon a rock, look away, as that could be bad luck indeed. And legend has it that just one encounter with the silver-tongued fairy known as the Charmer may leave a person lovesick and heartbroken.



### Will's Race for Home : A Western

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

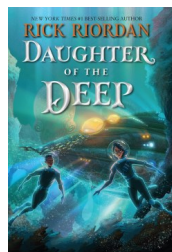
In 1889, a young Black family hears about a land rush, so Will and his father set out from Texas to Oklahoma, racing thousands of others on a difficult journey to where land is free.



### 15 Secrets to Survival

by Natalie D. Richards

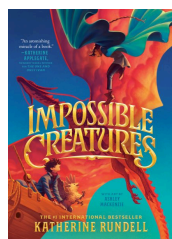
Forced to participate in an extra credit project in the middle of nowhere, classmates Baxter, Abigail, Turner and Emerson must survive the wilderness with only a survival handbook and each other after their instructor goes missing.



### Daughter of the Deep

by Rick Riordan

Ana Dakkar studies at Harding-Pencroft Academy for the best marine scientists, naval warriors, and underwater explorers in the world. She begins to make astounding discoveries about her heritage and puts her skills to the test against deadly enemies from a rival school.



### Impossible Creatures

by Katherine Rundell

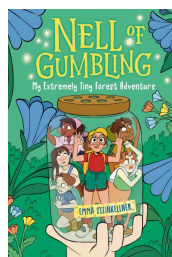
When Mal barges into his life demanding his help-- along with a baby griffin--Christopher embarks on an adventure of a lifetime with this fierce girl to save the Archipelago, a hidden world where magical creatures have thrived for thousands of years.



### On a Wing and a Tear

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Close friends Melanie (Muscogee-Odawa) and Ray (Cherokee-Seminole) join Grampa Charlie Halfmoon on a road trip from Chicago to Macon, Georgia, to bring Great-Grandfather Bat, a living legend, to a historic game, facing adventure, danger and a hair-raising mystery along the way.



### Nell of Gumbling : My Extremely Tiny Forest Adventure

by Emma Steinkellner

When 12-year-old Nell and her best friends are accidentally shrunk down to Thumbkin size while on a Gumbling rite of passage, she must find a way to turn an epically enchanted camping trip gone wrong into something fantastically right.



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