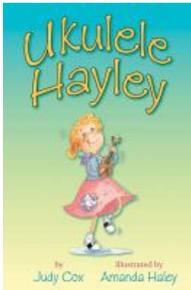


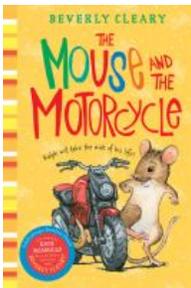
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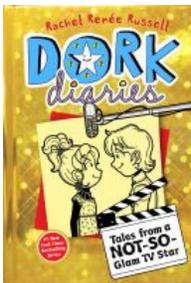
[Ukulele Hayley by Judy Cox](#)

To save the ukulele band, third grader Hayley and her classmates protest the school board's decision to cut funding for the music program. Includes tips on how to play the ukulele.



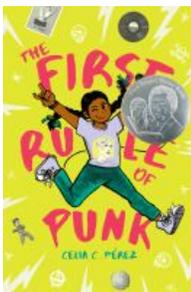
[The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary](#)

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.



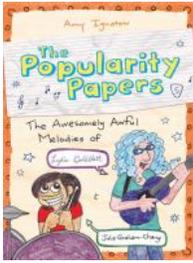
[Tales from a Not-so-Glam TV star : with Nikki Russell and Erin Russell by Rachel Renée Russell](#)

Nikki is in the spotlight. A reality TV crew will follow her and her friends for the whole month of March as they record their hit song together. But will the excitement also cause unexpected problems, now that cameras are everywhere Nikki and her friends go?



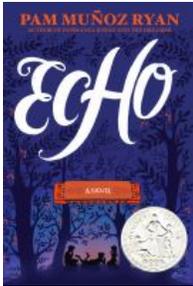
[The First Rule of Punk by Celia Pérez](#)

Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.



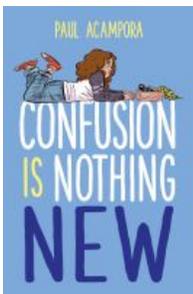
[*The Awesomely Awful Melodies of Lydia Goldblatt & Julie Graham-Chang*](#)
by Amy Ignatow

Fresh off their epic summer road trip, Lydia and Julie are back and ready to take seventh grade by storm. Well, Lydia is: she wants to start a band, and she's convinced Julie to join her. The band needs more practice, but instead Lydia and Julie find themselves riding an unexpected wave of popularity thanks to their own belated birthday party. The girls may have accidentally stumbled upon the secret to popularity—if only the secret weren't so completely humiliating.



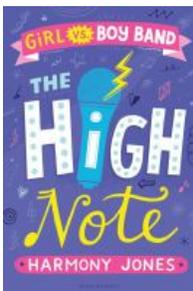
[*Echo*](#) by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.



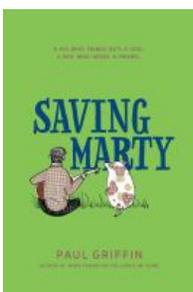
[*Confusion is Nothing New*](#) by Paul Acampora

Fourteen-year-old Ellie Magari's mother left shortly after Ellie was born, and her father has raised her, but Ellie always figured that one day she would meet her mother and ask her some pertinent questions--but now her mother has died, and Ellie does not know exactly how to feel about that, but she is determined, with the help of her friends in the St. Francis of Assisi's Howling Wolves marching band (where she plays the glockenspiel), to make some kind of connection with her mother's memory.



[*The High Note*](#) by Harmony Jones

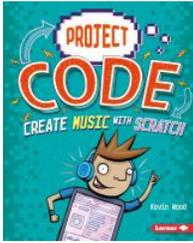
When her friends in the British boy band Abbey Road ask singer-songwriter Lark to be their opening act, can she find the courage to overcome her recurring stage fright in time to perform when it counts the most?



[*Saving Marty*](#) by Paul Griffin

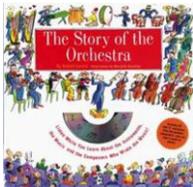
When Lorenzo adopts a runt piglet destined for auction, an unexpected, life-changing friendship forms.

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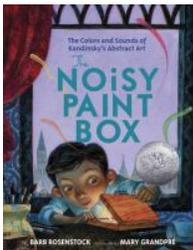
[*Create Music with Scratch by Kevin Wood*](#)

Build your coding skills by learning how to compose your own music! Try ready-made blocks of code to produce simple projects and use them as inspiration and models for your own ideas.



[*Story of the Orchestra: Listen While You Learn About the Instruments, the Music and the Composers Who Wrote the Music by Robert Levine*](#)

Describes the orchestra and includes information on composers, instruments, and the conductor.



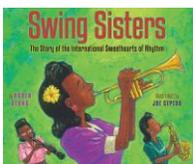
[*The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art by Barb Rosenstock*](#)

Describes how Vasya Kandinsky's creative life was profoundly shaped by a neurological condition called synesthesia, which caused him to experience colors as sounds and sounds as colors.



[*Talk, Talk, Squawk! A Human's Guide to Animal Communication By Nicola Davies*](#)

Presents the creative ways animals communicate, including how various creatures use messaging methods ranging from colors and smells to vibrations and electricity.



[*Swing Sisters: The Story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm by Karen Deans*](#)

The story of a group of African American orphans who played in their school's all-girl swing band and, after leaving school, made it to the big time.