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__CHARLIE & FROG__ by Karen Kane - Two curious kids hone their sleuthing skills and learn American Sign Language to solve a mystery in Castle-on-the-Hudson. (ISBN: 978-1368005821 - Disney Hyperion)

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