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## Picture Book Challenge:

- \_\_\_\_\_ ***MALALA YOUSAFZAI: WARRIOR WITH WORDS*** by **Karen Leggett Abouraya** - *Biography of Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai* (ISBN: 978-1620148389 - Lee & Low)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***WAIT, REST, PAUSE: DORMANCY IN NATURE*** by **Marcie Flinchum Atkins** - *Explore the concept of dormancy with a mix of science and poetry.* (ISBN: 978-1541561922 - Millbrook Press)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***THE PRINCESS AND THE FROGS*** by **Veronica Bartles** - *Princess Cassandra wants a frog, but she keeps kissing them goodnight & ends up with a castle full of princes instead. Princes aren't pets!* (ISBN: 978-0062365910 - Balzer + Bray/HarperCollins)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***THE EDELWEISS PIRATES*** by **Jennifer Elvgren** - *During WWII, a German teen resistance group work to thwart The Hitler Youth.* (ISBN: 978-1512483604 - Kar-Ben/Lerner)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***FINDING THE SPEED OF LIGHT: THE 1676 DISCOVERY THAT DAZZLED THE WORLD*** illustrated by **Rebecca Evans** - *Using a telescope and a watch, astronomer Ole Romer measured the speed of light when most scientists didn't even believe that light traveled.* (ISBN: 978-0884485452 - Tilbury House Publishers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***EXCEPT WHEN THEY DON'T*** by **Laura Gehl** - *A humorous rhyming take on gender stereotypes, this book celebrates the individuality of every single kid.* (ISBN: 978-1499808049 - Little Bee)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***SOUNDS OF THE SAVANNA*** by **Terry Catasús Jennings** - *Prey use sound to get away from predators, but predators have to eat. Life in the Savanna is a dance for survival.* (ISBN: 978-1628556322 - Arbordale Publishers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***BELIEVING IN MYSELF!*** illustrated by **Kerry G. Johnson** - *A tale is based on a dark-skinned, African American girl who refuses to give up on her dream despite rejections from multiple directions.* (ISBN: 978-1985240193 - Amazon Publishing)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***ZAPATO POWER: FREDDIE RAMOS HEARS IT ALL*** by **Jacqueline Jules** - *Can Freddie Ramos learn to use his new super hearing without becoming a super snoop?* (ISBN: 978-0807595008 - Albert Whitman Publishers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***MOTHER GHOST: NURSERY RHYMES FOR LITTLE MONSTERS*** by **Rachel Kolar** - *A collection of thirteen classic nursery rhymes with Halloween twists, from "Mary, Mary, Tall and Scary" to "Wee Willie Werewolf."* (ISBN: 978-1585363926 - Sleeping Bear Press)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***SUPERLATIVE BIRDS*** illustrated by **Robert Meganck** - *20 poems that explore the fascinating world of superlative birds.* (ISBN: 978-1561459513 - Peachtree Publishers)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***ODD ANIMAL ABC'S*** by **June Smalls** - *Odd animals, like aye-aye, kudu, and numbat, are taking over the alphabet and sending those classic animals packing.* (ISBN: 978-1936669738 - Blue Manatee Press)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***SOCCERVERSE: POEMS ABOUT SOCCER*** by **Elizabeth Steinglass** - *Twenty-two poems in thirteen different forms about all aspects of the beautiful game!* (ISBN: 978-1629792491 - Wordsong)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ***A DAY FOR SKATING*** by **Sarah Sullivan** - *It's a cold winter day and the frozen pond is crisscrossed by skaters. A rhyming picture book about skating.* (ISBN: 978-0763696863 - Candlewick Press)

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\_\_\_ ***A COLORFUL TAIL*** by **Joan Waites** - *A red fox in Monet's garden wants to make the garden's colors last. With help from Monet, Fox learns to capture the beauty around him.* (ISBN: 978-0764357053 - Schiffer Kids Publishing)

\_\_\_ ***THE LEGEND OF THE FAIRY STONES*** by **Kelly Anne White** - *The Legend of the Fairy Stones blends whimsical art and lyrical verse to share the woodland lore of how real cross-shaped stones formed.* (ISBN: 978-1642791952 - Morgan James Kids)

\_\_\_ ***UNTITLED*** by **Timothy Young** - *A coatimundi & a capybara take the lead as two picture book characters go in search of a story which their author seems incapable of writing.* (ISBN: 978-0764357084 - Schiffer Publishing)

## Middle Grade Challenge:

\_\_\_ ***TO THE COPPER COUNTRY*** by **Barbara Carney-Coston** - *Unexpected immigration, and all its challenges, told through the eyes of an eleven year old girl in 1886 Michigan.* (ISBN: 978-0814343630 - Wayne State University Press)

\_\_\_ ***THE ELEVENTH TRADE*** by **Alyssa Hollingsworth** - *When his grandfather's beloved instrument is stolen, newly-arrived refugee Sami embarks on a series of trades to try to get it back.* (ISBN: 978-1250155764 - Roaring Brook Press)

\_\_\_ ***JOHN ADAMS & THE MAGIC BOBBLEHEAD*** by **Deborah Kalb** - *Fifth-grader Ava learns about history, family, and more as she travels back in time to meet John and Abigail Adams.* (ISBN: 978-0764355561 - Schiffer)

\_\_\_ ***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)

\_\_\_ ***SUPERHEROES DON'T EAT VEGGIE BURGERS*** by **Gretchen Kelley** - *Sixth grade can be tough, but Charlie Burger's new found superpowers are going to help him get through it!* (ISBN: 978-1250104199 - Square Fish)

\_\_\_ ***SHE SPOKE: 14 WOMEN WHO RAISED THEIR VOICES AND CHANGED THE WORLD*** by **Kathy MacMillan** - *A unique nonfiction picture book that allows readers to hear the words of inspiring women at the touch of a button.* (ISBN: 978-1641701310 - Familius Press)

\_\_\_ ***NATURE'S CHILDREN: ORCAS*** by **Dionna L. Mann** - *Fascinating, fun facts about orcas with awe-inspiring photo support.* (ISBN: 978-0531127186 - Scholastic Press)

\_\_\_ ***SUPER JAKE & THE KING OF CHAOS*** by **Naomi Milliner** - *Eleven-year-old magician Ethan learns that real magic is found in the most unexpected places.* (ISBN: 978-0762466153 - Running Press Kids)

\_\_\_ ***OPERATION OLEANDER*** by **Valerie O. Patterson** - *Jess organizes a collection for school supplies for an orphanage in Afghanistan; but when soldiers deliver them, things go terribly wrong.* (ISBN: 978-0547244372 - Clarion Books)

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\_\_\_\_ **NIKKI ON THE LINE** by **Barbara Carroll Roberts** - *When she joins an elite basketball team, Nikki needs to find a new way to compete.* (ISBN: 978-0316521901 - Little, Brown and Company)

\_\_\_\_ **SURVIVOR GIRL** by **Erin Teagan** - *Alison gets invited onto her dad's reality show, Survivor Guy, and faces true reality in this funny adventure set in the Great Dismal Swamp.* (ISBN: 978-0544636217 - Clarion)

## Young Adult Challenge:

\_\_\_\_ **THE MANIC PIXIE DREAM BOY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** by **Lenore Appelhans** - *A meta-fiction romantic comedy about redefining the labels we're given - on our own terms.* (ISBN: 978-1541512597 - Carolrhoda Lab/Lerner)

\_\_\_\_ **THE BOYFRIEND WHISPERER** by **Linda Budzinski** - *Lexi Malloy is Grand View High School's undercover Cupid. One problem: She's stuck in the friend zone with her own dream date.* (ISBN: 978-1944816902 - Swoon Romance YA)

\_\_\_\_ **THE DISASTERS** by **M.K. England** - *Hotshot pilot Nax fails out of the Academy on his first day, just in time to be blamed when it gets attacked. Cue the heists and explosions!* (ISBN: 978-0062657671 - HarperTeen)

\_\_\_\_ **BEWITCHING HANNAH** by **Leigh Goff** - *Being a witch is the last thing Hannah wants, but it's the only thing that will save her.* (ISBN: 978-1987976311 - Mirror World Publishing)

\_\_\_\_ **NO PLACE LIKE HERE** by **Christina June** - *A modern Hansel & Gretl: Ashlyn spends her summer working at a wilderness retreat center with her cousin while working through family drama.* (ISBN: 978-0310766926 - Blink/HarperCollins)

\_\_\_\_ **DAGGER AND COIN** by **Kathy MacMillan** - *In the aftermath of rebellion, can Soraya, raised to be a proper lady, learn to be a true leader?* (ISBN: 978-0062324641 - HarperTeen)

\_\_\_\_ **CASTLE OF CONCRETE** by **Katia Raina** - *In falling-apart Soviet Russia, a Jewish girl falls for a boy who may be anti-Semitic.* (ISBN: 978-0999541630 - Young Europe Books/New Europe Books)

\_\_\_\_ **THE TOMBS** by **Deborah Schaumberg** - *In 1882 New York, a young aura seer must free her mother from The Tombs where seers are being experimented upon and used against their will.* (ISBN: 978-0062656445 - HarperTeen)

\_\_\_\_ **WOMEN HEROES OF THE US ARMY: REMARKABLE SOLDIERS FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO TODAY** by **Ann McCallum Staats** - *Chronicling the critical role women have played in strengthening the US Army, this book shares the story of incredible trailblazers.* (ISBN: 978-0914091240 - Chicago Review Press)

\_\_\_\_ **PULP** by **Robin Talley** - *Two queer teen girls, sixty years apart, are connected by the power of storytelling.* (ISBN: 978-1335012906 - Inkyard Press/HarperCollins)

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