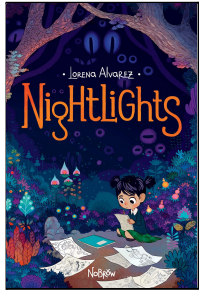


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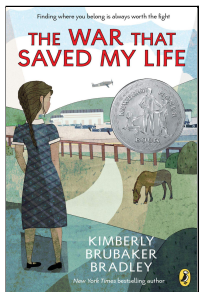


## [Nightlights](#)

by Lorena Alvarez

**Genre:** Graphic Novel/Fantasy

**Description:** Every night, Sandy catches the stars outside her bedroom to create wonderful creatures to play with that she brings back to life in her drawings. When a new girl at school notices Sandy's drawing, the girl's fascination in her talent turns sinister.

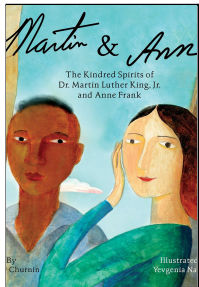


## [The War That Saved My Life](#)

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

**Genre:** Historical Fiction

**Description:** A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



## [Martin & Anne](#)

by Nancy Churnin

**Genre:** Nonfiction

**Description:** This biography reflects upon the parallels drawn between the lives of Martin Luther King Jr. and Anne Frank, both born in 1929, and how their legacies of kindness, love, and peace have changed the world today.



## [One for Sorrow](#)

by Mary Downing Hahn

**Genre:** Horror/Suspense

**Description:** When unlikeable Elsie dies in the influenza pandemic of 1918, she comes back to haunt Annie to make sure she'll be Annie's best (and only) friend soon.



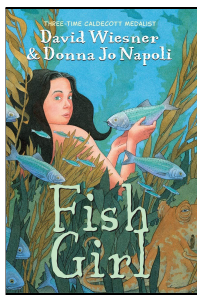


### **[They Didn't Teach THIS in Worm School!](#)**

by Simone Lia

**Genre:** Humor/Adventure

**Description:** After Marcus talks a bird named Laurence out of eating him, the two unlikely companions set out on an absurd journey to Kenya, where Laurence dreams of finding happiness with other flamingos.

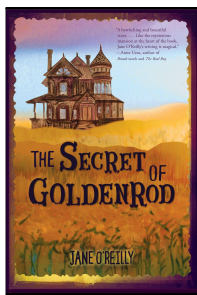


### **[Fish Girl](#)**

by Donna Jo Napoli

**Genre:** Graphic Novel/Fantasy

**Description:** A young mermaid who has never interacted with anyone beyond the walls of her tank encounters an ordinary girl, Livia. Their growing friendship inspires Fish Girl's longing for freedom, independence, and a life beyond the aquarium tank.

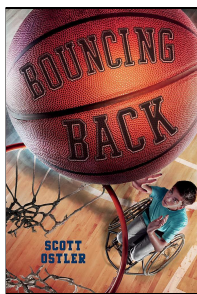


### **[The Secret of Goldenrod](#)**

by Jane O'Reilly

**Genre:** Mystery/Suspense

**Description:** Fifth-grader Trina is excited about moving into Goldenrod, an abandoned mansion, with her dad. But soon Goldenrod brings its secrets to her attention, including a forgotten doll, leaving Trina wondering what the old house wants from her.



### **[Bouncing Back](#)**

by Scott Ostler

**Genre:** Sports/Fiction

**Description:** Orphaned thirteen year-old Carlos learns what it truly means to be a teammate when he must help save his new wheelchair basketball team's gym when the city's crooked mayor threatens to tear it down.



### **[Front Desk](#)**

by Kelly Yang

**Genre:** Fiction

**Description:** Ten-year-old Mia works the front desk at a rundown motel managed by her parents, who are recent immigrants to the United States.

