J Fic Arnold
Arnold, Elana. **A Boy Called Bat. (Social Awareness)**
A young boy on the autism spectrum named Bixby Alexander Tam—Bat for short—is tasked with caring for a baby skunk by his veterinarian mother. Gr. 1-5

J Fic Conklin
Conklin, Melanie. **A Perfect Mistake. (Relationship Skills)**
After the events of a single night leave one of Max’s best friends in a coma and the other one shutting him out, Max—believing he is to blame—teams up with new friends to uncover what happened. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Draper
Draper, Sharon. **Out of My Heart. (Self Management)**
Melody Brooks, a 12-year-old with cerebral palsy, convinces her parents to allow her to attend a summer camp for kids with disabilities. Gr. 5+

J Fic Fipps
Fipps, Lisa. **Starfish. (Self Management)**
Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Formato
Formato, Jaime. **Roll for Initiative. (Self Management)**
Twelve-year-old Riley steps out of her older brother’s protective shadow and behind the Dungeon Master’s screen, running D&D campaigns for her friends and learning to be independent and self-reliant. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Guerrero
Guerrero, Tanya. **How to Make Friends with the Sea. (Self Awareness)**
Moving to the Philippines with his zoologist mother, twelve-year-old Pablo struggles with anxiety while his mother fosters an orphaned child with a facial anomaly. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Horne
Horne, Maggie. **Hazel Hill is Gonna Win This One. (Responsible Decision Making)**
When Hazel discovers Ella is being harassed by golden boy Tyler Harris, she has to choose between winning the school-wide speech competition and doing the right thing. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Ireland
Ireland, Justina. **Ophie’s Ghosts. (Social Awareness)**
Discovering her ability to see ghosts when a cruel act ends her father’s life and forces her to move in with relatives, young Ophelia forges a helpful bond with a spirit whose own life ended suddenly and unjustly. Gr. 4-8

J Fic Keller
Keller, Tae. **The Science of Breakable Things. (Social Awareness)**
Middle schooler Natalie’s year-long assignment to answer a question using the scientific method leads to truths about her mother’s depression and her own cultural identity. Gr. 5-6
J Fic Korman
Korman, Gordon. *Slacker. (Responsible Decision Making)*
When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group he intends it as a diversion to fool everyone into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming—but other kids are taking it seriously. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Kuyatt
Kuyatt, Meg Eden. *Good Different. (Self Management)*
Seventh-grader Selah Godfrey knows that to be “normal” she has to keep her feelings tightly controlled when people are around, but after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out just what makes her different—and why that is ok. Told in verse. Gr. 4-6

J Fic Mbalia
Mbalia, Kwame. *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky. (Self Awareness)*
Tristan feels anything but strong when he finds himself in the middle of a battle that has left American folk heroes John Henry and Brer Rabbit exhausted. Gr. 4-6

J Fic McDunn
McDunn, Gillian. *Honestly Elliott. (Relationship Skills)*
Elliott struggles to fit in until he is paired on a school project with Maribel, popular and supersmart, who is looking for a way to show others her true self. Gr. 4-6

J Fic McIntosh
McIntosh, Will. *Watchdog. (Relationship Skills)*
Orphaned and homeless, fourteen-year-old twins Vick and Tara, who is autistic, go up against a crime lord and her four-legged robotic army, with help from their robotic dog, Daisy. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Messner
Messner, Kate. *All the Answers. (Responsible Decision Making)*
Ava finds an old pencil and discovers that it will answer factual questions. She and her best friend Sophie have a great time until the pencil reveals a truth that Ava would rather not know. Gr. 4-6

J Fic O'Neill
O'Neill, Kay. *The Moth Keeper. (Responsible Decision Making)*
Being a Moth Keeper is a huge responsibility and a great honor, but the new Moth Keeper decides to take a break from the moon and see the sun for the first time. Graphic Novel. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Ortega
Ortega, Claribel. *Frizzy. (Self Awareness)*
Marlene’s mother makes her straighten her hair every weekend so she can have ‘presentable’, ‘good’ hair. But Marlene hates being in the salon and doesn’t understand why her curls are not considered pretty. Graphic Novel. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Reed
Reed, Dwayne. *Simon B Rhymin'. (Self Awareness)*
Chicago fifth-grader Simon, an aspiring rapper who lacks self-confidence, uses his rhymes to help bring his community together. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Reynolds
Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost. (Responsible Decision Making)*
Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. Gr. 5-8
J Fic Richards
Richards, Natalie. 15 Secrets to Survival. (Relationship Skills)
What starts off as a weekend of team building takes a scary turn when the instructor goes missing and classmates only have pages of a survival guide to overcome the dangers of winter in the mountains. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Sattin
Sattin, Samuel. Buzzing. (Self Awareness)
Isaac, a shy boy with OCD, meets new friends who introduce him to role-playing games, which lead him on a journey of self-discovery and growth. Graphic Novel. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Shevah
Shevah, Emma. Dara Palmers Major Drama. (Social Awareness)
Dara Palmer dreams of being an actress, but when she does not get a part in the school play she wonders if it is because of her different looks as an adopted girl from Cambodia. Dara is determined not to let prejudice stop her from being in the spotlight. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Sloan
Sloan, Holly Goldberg. Counting by Sevens. (Self Management)
Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Soontornvat
Soontornvat, Christina. The Tryout. (Social Awareness)
Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism while excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad. Graphic Novel. Gr. 5-8

J Fic Tabor
Tabor, Corey. Sir Ladybug. (Self Management)
Sir Ladybug never shies away from a quest, even when he’d rather be playing a video game or baking a cake. Gr. 3+

J Fic Tashjian
Tashjian, Janet. Sticker Girl Rules the School. (Relationship Skills)
Martina and Bev find a sheet of magical stickers, and soon Martina finds herself running for class president but worrying that she is losing her new friend. Gr. 3-6

J Fic Vivat
Vivat, Booki. Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom. (Responsible Decision Making)
Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light. Gr. 3-7

J Fic Woodson
Woodson, Jacqueline. Before the Ever After. (Relationship Skills)
ZJ’s friends Ollie, Darry, and Daniel help him cope when his father, a beloved professional football player, suffers severe headaches and memory loss that spell the end of his career. Told in verse. Gr. 5-6

J Fic Yang
Yang, Kelly. New From Here. (Self Awareness)
Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus. Gr. 4-6
J Fic Yee
Yee, Lisa. **Maizy Chen’s Last Chance. (Social Awareness)**
Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant, and makes unexpected discoveries about her family’s history and herself. Gr. 3-6

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