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Recent books for kids that the Children's Library staff have read & loved & that we think you will too!



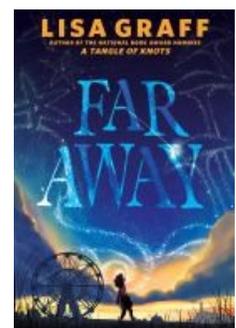
3...2...1...Blast Off by Martey Kelley. J Fiction

Molly is all about outer space and is excited to find out that her class is taking a field trip to the Space Science Center, where she will have a turn to sit in a real rocket! She wants to believe that she is really traveling to space, after all she will be sitting where a real astronaut did. Molly packs her backpack for the trip and includes bread so she can learn how to make freeze dried toast, because that's what astronauts eat. She hatches a plan to distract the teacher so she can blast off... you will have to read the book to find out what happens to Molly. Be ready to laugh throughout the book as you read about Molly Mac's wild adventure. This short chapter book is part of the Molly Mac series, so there are more books to enjoy.



Camp by Kayla Miller. J Graphic Novel

Olive and Willow are sure that going to summer camp together will be perfect. They will share a bunk, do activities, and have so much fun! But things don't work out quite the way they had hoped. Olive has a great time and makes some new friends, but Willow has difficulty adjusting and just wants to hang out with Olive. A sequel to *Click*, this graphic novel would be great for 4th and 5th grade fans of Raina Telgemeier and anyone who has ever had to work through a fight with their best friend.



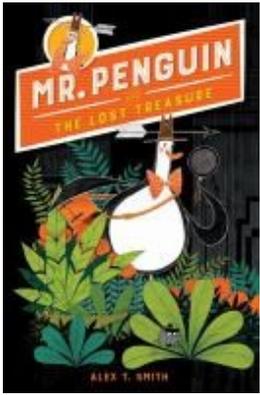
Far Away by Lisa Graff. J Fiction, JCD, eBook, eAudiobook

CJ's aunt is a medium. She talks to the dead, and can channel messages from "Spirit" back to their loved ones who are still living. It's an amazing talent, and Aunt Nic has comforted many people over the years. CJ has always lived with Aunt Nic, since her mother died shortly after she was born. Aunt Nic can tell her stories about her mom's life, but even better, she can actually channel CJ's mom. So even though her mother has passed, CJ has spent her childhood having regular conversations with her through Aunt Nic. CJ is homeschooled because they travel all over the country doing appearances, but now that CJ is 12 her aunt has decided that she's going to send her to boarding school to get a better education. At the same time, her mother's spirit is pulled to the other side so she won't be able to communicate with CJ any longer. Devastated, CJ knows there must be something she can do. So when she gets a sign from Spirit she takes off on a journey to find the one object she knows has the power to bring her mother back. Part mystery and part coming of age story, this literary adventure is recommended for readers in grades 4 and up.



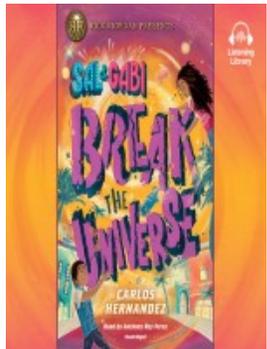
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Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T. Smith. J Fiction

Mr. Penguin, Adventurer and Penguin, set up his office as a Professional Adventurer, but now he is BORED. He thought he would be busy with lots of adventuring and mystery solving, but so far nothing has happened. Then, the phone rings. At last, Mr. Penguin has a mystery to solve! Ms. Boudicca Bones, the owner of the Museum of Extraordinary Objects needs help finding hidden treasure. Along with a spider named Colin, Mr. Penguin embarks on a great adventure that includes underground caves, alligators, and escaped jewel thieves. This book will be enjoyed by kids 3rd grade and up, and could also be a great read aloud for the whole family.



Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez. J Fiction, JCD, eAudiobook

Salvador Vidon has just started his first week at his new school and he's already been to the Principal's office three times. Sal isn't a bad kid - just the opposite in fact. Super smart and well spoken, he isn't afraid to stand up for himself when necessary. On the outside Sal appears to be a normal kid - but he has a special talent: he can reach into other parallel worlds and bring back objects and people from alternate universes. As you can imagine, this can come in handy, like the time Sal puts a dead chicken in the locker of a bully who is picking on him and then makes it disappear before he can get in trouble. It's also a problem, like when Sal accidentally brings back his dead mother - or when he puts a hole in the universe that doesn't close up like it should.... Sal soon joins forces with Gabi Real, student council president and editor of the school paper. Gabi is the only one outside of his family who knows about Sal's unusual talent. Can she help him to seal up the hole before it's too late? With lots of Cuban details and Spanish thrown in, this fast moving and funny story will be a hit with readers in grades 4 and up. This Rick Riordan presents product is the first book in the Sal and Gabi series and is a great follow up to others in the Riordan endorsed line.

Snow & Rose by Emily Winfield Martin. J Fiction, JCD

Snow and Rose are sisters, but they are almost as different as two sisters can be. They don't look alike - Rose has black hair and rosy cheeks while Snow has pale blonde hair and light blue eyes. They also don't think or act alike. Snow is quick to laugh - and sometimes quick to anger - while Rose is quiet with a soft voice and hesitant manner. When we meet Snow and Rose, they are living in a cottage in the woods and their father has disappeared, but things weren't always this way. As Rose and Snow begin to explore the woods, they meet many different creatures including a huge bear, a librarian, a little man with a long white beard, and a boy named Ivo. Soon enough, the sisters learn that not everything in the forest is what it seems. As the narrator points out, "Snow and Rose didn't know they were living in a fairy tale - people never do". This book would be great for 4th grade and up.

The Truth About Martians by Melissa Savage. J Fiction, eBook

Mylo lives in Roswell, New Mexico - which is the town famous for an incident in 1947 where it was claimed that a UFO crashed in the desert. After the crash became famous around the world, the U.S. Military said it was only a weather balloon. But many people still believe that it was a real UFO that crashed in Roswell, and that the military recovered the remains of the ship - and the occupants as well. This book is a fictionalized version of these events: after rumors of the crash begin to spread around town and a mysterious voice in Mylo's head calls for help, the kids go looking for the crash site. It's nice to have something to concentrate on other than the grief Mylo and his parents have been feeling since the loss of his older brother. And what they find will change all of their lives forever. This book combines historical fiction, adventure and science, with a touch of family drama thrown in for good measure. Best for grades 5-7.

