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UNIT 1

OVERCOMING BULLIES




Title: American as Paneer Pie 
Author: Supriya Kelkar
Call No.: J KEL

As the only Indian American kid in her small town, Lekha Divekar feels like she has two versions of herself: Home Lekha, who loves watching Bollywood movies and eating Indian food, and School Lekha, who pins her hair over her bindi birthmark and avoids confrontation at all costs, especially when someone teases her for being Indian.

When a racist incident rocks Lekha's community, Lekha realises she must make a choice: continue to remain silent or find her voice before it's too late.

Publisher: Aladdin, 2020 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



Title: Brother's Keeper 
Author: Julie Lee
Call No.: J LEE

North Korea. December, 1950.

Twelve-year-old Sora and her family live under an iron set of rules: No travel without a permit. No criticism of the government. No absences from Communist meetings. Wear red. Hang pictures of the Great Leader. Don't trust your neighbours. Don't speak your mind. You are being watched.

But war is coming, war between North and South Korea, between the Soviets and the Americans. War causes chaos—and war is the perfect time to escape.

Publisher: Holiday House, 2020 | From: www.holidayhouse.com



Title: Me and Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse 
Author: Susan Vaught
Call No.: J VAU


When the cops show up at Jesse's house and arrest her dad, she figures out in a hurry that he's the number one suspect in the missing library fund money case.

With the help of her (first and only) friend Springer, she rounds up suspects (leading to a nasty confrontation with three notorious school bullies) and asks a lot of questions.

But she can't shake the feeling that she isn't exactly cut out for being a crime-solving hero. Jesse has a neuro-processing disorder, but when a tornado strikes her small town, Jesse is given the opportunity to show what she's really made of—and help her dad.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, 2019 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



Title: Bullying (Dealing With) 
Author: Jane Lacey
Call No.: J 302.3 LAC

Growing up can be a tough thing to navigate. Bullying can make it even tougher for young people. This enlightening book teaches readers how to effectively deal with bullies and make sure they don't give in to peer pressure to bully others. Relatable stories help readers understand and empathise with characters, while also offering practical advice that readers can truly use in their everyday lives. Colourful illustrations and close picture-text correlation ensure that readers of many ages can learn about this important social issue.

Publisher: PowerKids Press, 2019 | From: www.rosenpublishing.com





UNIT 2

ANIMAL-MAN PARTNERSHIP




Title: The Queen's Secret (Rose Legacy)
Author: Jessica Day George
Call No.: J GEO

Anthea knows the truth about horses. They're not carriers of deadly disease like everyone in their kingdom thinks; they're majestic creatures who share their thoughts and feelings with her through The Way. Anthea has convinced the king of this, but at a cost—he demands that horses and riders with The Way do his bidding.

But when a deadly plague breaks out, the people believe that horses are the cause. As more fall ill, it's up to Anthea and her friends to transport medicine, all while keeping out of the reach of Anthea's wicked mother. And when Anthea discovers a secret that could change the kingdom forever, she must risk everything to reveal the truth before it's too late.

Publisher: Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2020 | From: www.bloomsbury.com




Title: Kodi 
Author: Jared Cullum
Call No.: J CUL

Katya and her Meema are spending another summer at their cottage in Alaska, when a chance accident leaves Katya face-to-face with the biggest creature she's ever seen... an enormous Kodiak bear with a gentle heart and a knack for fishing. But when Katya must suddenly return home to Seattle, the two are torn apart, leaving Kodi to do whatever it takes to reunite with his fragile human friend. It's a wild journey packed with breath-taking views, brave new companions, and adventure around every turn.

Publisher: Top Shelf Productions, 2020 | From: www.topshelfcomix.com



Title: Willa and the Whale 
Author: Chad Morris
Call No.: J MOR

Can a whale talk to a human? Willa thinks so...

After losing her mom, Willa is grieving and having a hard time living with her dad and his new family on an island off the coast of Washington State. Her dad tries to cheer her up by taking her whale watching, something Willa's mom used to do.

While all the passengers are on one side of the boat, Willa encounters a humpback whale on the opposite side. Willa feels so lonely that she starts to talk to the whale—and the whale talks back!

The whale, named Meg, quickly becomes a trusted friend and confidante Willa can speak to whenever she's by the ocean.

Meg offers sound advice Willa needs about dealing with a nemesis at school and trying to figure out why her friend Marc is keeping secrets about his family life.

Publisher: Shadow Mountain, 2020 | From: www.shadowmountain.com



Title: Fearless Felines: 30 True Tales of Courageous Cats
Author: Kimberlie Hamilton
Call No.: J 636.8 HAM

Drawing from the thrilling lives of more than 30 adorable cats throughout history, Kimberlie Hamilton retells the fascinating tales of cats through the centuries. Meet Mrs. Chippy, a cat who joined a daring ocean journey to Antarctica, or Simon, the only cat to receive a medal for wartime bravery, and dozens more. Filled with colourful depictions of each cat and feline facts throughout, this is the perfect gift for cat and history lovers alike.

Publisher: Scholastic Press, 2019 | From: kids.scholastic.com






UNIT 3

ASEAN VS PIRATES: FIGHT AGAINST PIRACY




Title: The Pirate Captain's Cat (Nine Lives of Furry Purry Beancat) 
Author: Philip Ardagh
Call No.: J ARD

Just like every other cat, Furry Purry Beancat loves a catnap. But unlike other cats, when Beancat wakes she finds herself about to embark on a whole new adventure!

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, 2020 | From: www.simonandschuster.co.uk




Title: The Secret of the Dark Waterfall (School Ship Tobermory) 
Author: Alexander McCall Smith
Call No.: J MAC

The School Ship Tobermory and its intrepid young crew are back in Hebridean waters.

When a violent storm blows them off course to a remote island, they discover a fisherman's journal written a hundred years ago which tells of a mysterious shipwreck crammed with treasure.

Publisher: BC Books, 2019 | From: www.birlinn.co.uk



Title: Beauty and the Dreaded Sea Beast: A Graphic Novel (Far Out Fairy Tales) 
Author: Louise Simonson
Call No.: J SIM

Beauty is sailing the ocean when pirates attack and her dad is thrown overboard. Just as he sinks beneath the waves, something horrible rises—a kraken! Without hesitation, Beauty makes a deal to become the giant squid's prisoner if it rescues her dad. But as Beauty explores the island she's now marooned on, the girl discovers secret treasure that may hold the key to saving herself... and the sea beast.

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2020 | From: www.capstonepub.com



Title: The Ship of Shadows 
Author: Maria Kuzniar
Call No.: J KUZ

Aleja is a dreamer who longs for a life of magic and adventure. So when a mysterious ship arrives in her Spanish harbour city, crewed by a band of ruthless women, Aleja knows it's sailed right out of a legend.

And it wants her.

Publisher: Puffin Books, 2020 | From: www.penguin.co.uk






UNIT 4



MAKING AMENDS




Title: When Stars are Scattered 
Author: Victoria Jamieson
Call No.: J JAM

A heart-wrenching true story about life in a Kenyan refugee camp that will restore your faith in real-life happy endings.

Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. Separated from their mother, they are looked after by a friendly stranger. Life in the camp isn't always easy. The hunger is constant, but there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school...

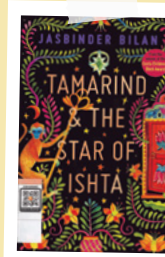
Publisher: Faber & Faber, 2020 | From: www.faber.co.uk



Title: Aster and the Accidental Magic
(Aster and the Accidental Magic) 
Author: Thom Pico
Call No.: J PIC

Quiet... Birds... Nature... That's what Aster expects when her parents move their whole family to the middle of nowhere. It's just her (status: super-bored), her mom and dad (status: busy with science), her brother (status: has other plans), and... magic? In her new home, Aster meets a mysterious old woman with a herd of dogs who gives her a canine companion of her own. But when she and her dog Buzz are adventuring in the forest, they run into a trickster spirit who gives Aster three wishes. After wishing for the ability to understand and talk to her dog, she becomes only able to talk in dog language... and the trouble she gets into is just starting. Maybe the middle of nowhere will be more interesting than Aster thought.

Publisher: Random House Graphic, 2020 | From: www.rhkidsgraphic.com



Title: Tamarind & the Star of Ishta
Author: Jasbinder Bilan
Call No.: J BIL

Tamarind never knew her Indian mum, Chinty, who died soon after she was born. So when she arrives at her ancestral home, a huge mansion in the Himalayas surrounded by luxuriant gardens, she's full of questions for her extended family. But instead of answers, she finds an ominous silence—and a trickle of intriguing clues: an abandoned hut, a friendly monkey, a glowing star ring, and a strange girl in the garden who calls herself Ishta. Slowly, Tamarind unravels a mystery at the heart of who she is...

Publisher: Chicken House, 2020 | From: www.chickenhousebooks.com/



Title: Can I Tell You About Forgiveness?: A Helpful Introduction for Everyone
Author: Liz Gulliford
Call No.: J 179 GUL

Meet Joseph—Joseph is curious to understand more about forgiveness. He lost his sister's brand-new football. Although she forgave him, he feels really bad. Can he forgive himself? He told his friend Billy a big secret, but Billy has betrayed his trust and told other kids at school. Should he forgive Billy, especially when he has yet to say sorry? Joseph's friend George is being bullied at school by Jasper. If George forgives Jasper, could Jasper go on to bully others in the future?

This illustrated book is the ideal conversation starter for children aged 7+ to explore what forgiveness means, what it is and isn't, and when it might and might not be appropriate.

Publisher: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2018 | From: us.jkp.com





UNIT 5

WAR HEROES




Title: All He Knew 
Author: Helen Frost
Call No.: J FRO

Henry has been deaf from an early age—he is intelligent and aware of language, but by age six, he has decided it's not safe to speak to strangers. When the time comes for him to start school, he is labelled “unteachable”.

Victor, a conscientious objector to World War II, is part of a Civilian Public Service programme offered as an alternative to the draft. In 1942, he arrives at Riverview to serve as an attendant and quickly sees that Henry is far from unteachable—he is brave, clever, and sometimes mischievous. In Victor's care, Henry begins to see how things can change for the better.

Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2020 | From: www.us.macmillan.com



Title: In a Flash 
Author: Donna Jo Napoli
Call No.: J NAP

In 1940, when Simona is eight and her sister, Carolina, is five, their father becomes the cook to the Italian ambassador to Japan, and the family leaves Italy for Tokyo. The girls learn perfect Japanese, make friends, and begin to love life in their new home.

But soon Japan is engaged in a world war. In 1943, when all Italians in Japan are confined to internment camps as enemy aliens, Papà and the girls are forced to part, and Simona and Carolina embark on a dramatic journey.

Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books, 2020 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com



Title: Rescue
Author: Jennifer A. Nielsen
Call No.: J NIE

Six hundred and fifty-seven days ago, Meg Kenyon's father left their home in France to fight for the Allies in World War II, and that was the last time Meg saw him. All she has left of him are the codes he placed in a jar for her to decipher, an affectionate game the two of them shared.

But the codes are running low, and soon there'll be nothing left of Papa for Meg to hold on to at all.

Publisher: Scholastic Press, 2021 | From: shop.scholastic.com



Title: Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind 
Author: Cynthia Grady
Call No.: J 940.53 GRA

When Executive Order 9066 is enacted after the attack at Pearl Harbour, children's librarian Clara Breed's young Japanese American patrons are to be sent to prison camp. Before they are moved, Breed asks the children to write her letters and gives them books to take with them. Through the three years of their internment, the children correspond with Miss Breed, sharing their stories, providing feedback on books, and creating a record of their experiences.

Publisher: Charlesbridge, 2018 | From: www.charlesbridge.com



UNIT 6

FAMILY BONDS



Title: Little Polar Bear Rescue (Little Animal Rescue)
Author: Rachel Delahaye
Call No.: J DEL

While on a Forest Club camping trip, Fliss is surprised to find herself transported to the Arctic Circle! Although it's freezing outside and the snow is deep, she knows there must be an animal nearby that needs help. Then she spots a polar bear cub, lost and alone. Fliss will have to battle the elements and use her Forest Club skills to reunite the polar bear family!

Publisher: Little Tiger, 2020 | From: www.littletiger.co.uk



Title: Hidden in Plain Sight: The Story of a Treasure Hunt
Author: Su-Lin Ang
Call No.: J SING ANG

Hidden in Plain Sight is the perfect combination of adventure, mystery, friendship, and hidden treasure! When Kong Kong tells the Lee cousins about the hidden family treasure, no one really believes that it will be true. But after a secret is discovered in Kong Kong's old house, the cousins—Jen, Meng, Gabriel, Nat, Alex, and his friend Din—get together to try and solve an age-old mystery concerning their family's hidden treasure, by solving complex puzzles boxes, using ciphers and morse code, and reaching a startling conclusion—the treasure was right under their noses!

Publisher: Scholastic Singapore, 2014 | From: <https://scholastic.asia/en>



Title: Jungledrop (Unmapped Chronicles)
Author: Abi Elphinstone
Call No.: J ELP

Eleven-year-old twins Fox and Fibber have been rivals for as long as they can remember. Only one of them will inherit the family fortune and so a race is afoot to save the dwindling Petty-Squabble empire and win the love of their parents.

But when the twins are whisked off to Jungledrop, a magical Unmapped Kingdom in charge of conjuring our world's weather, things get wildly out of hand.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, 2020 | From: www.simonandschuster.co.uk



Title: Brightstorm: A Sky-ship Adventure (Brightstorm)
Author: Vashti Hardy
Call No.: J HAR

Twins Arthur and Maudie Brightstorm receive word in Lontown that their famous explorer father has died in a failed attempt to reach the southernmost point in the world. Not only that, but he has been accused of stealing fuel before he died! The twins don't believe the news, and they answer an ad to join a new attempt to reach South Polaris. It's their only hope of learning the truth... and salvaging their family's reputation. As the winged ship Aurora sets sail, the twins must keep their wits about them and prove themselves worthy of the rest of the crew. But will Arthur and Maudie find the answers they seek?

Publisher: Scholastic Children's Books, 2018 | From: www.scholastic.co.uk



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