Middle Grade

Hale, Nathan—*Major Impossible*
John Wesley Powell always had the spirit of adventure in him. As a young man, he traveled all over the United States exploring. When the Civil War began, Powell went to fight for the Union, and even after he lost most of his right arm, he continued to fight until the war was over. In 1869, he embarked with the Colorado River Exploring Expedition—ten men in four boats—to float through the Grand Canyon.

Hale, Shannon & LeUyen Pham—*Best Friends*
When she becomes part of the in-crowd, Shannon begins to question whether she wants to remain there, in a story about popularity, first boyfriends, and finding a path in life.

O'Neill, Katie—*Tea Dragon Festival*
Rinn has grown up with the Tea Dragons that inhabit their village, but stumbling across a real dragon turns out to be a different matter entirely! Aedhan is a young dragon who was appointed to protect the village, but fell asleep in the forest eighty years ago. With the aid of Rinn’s adventurous uncle Erik and his partner Hesekiel, they investigate the mystery of his enchanted sleep... but Rinn’s real challenge is to help Aedhan come to terms with feeling that he cannot get back the time he has lost.

Ostertag, Molly—*Midwinter Witch*
As his extended family gathers for their annual Midwinter Festival magic competition, Aster decides to enter the contest meant for witches, despite the lingering discomfort and hostility of family members.

Seagle, Steven—*Camp Midnight vs. Camp Daybright*
Skye is excited to return to Camp Midnight as an older, seasoned camper when she discovers that her parents are putting her on a bus headed to her intended camp from last summer: Camp Daybright.

Takai, George & Harmony Becker—*They Called Us Enemy*
Takei’s firsthand account of his years behind barbed wire, during the Japanese internment - the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother’s hard choices, his father’s faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future. (MG/YA)

Telgemeier, Raina—*Guts*
Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it’s probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she’s dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina’s tummy trouble isn’t going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships. What’s going on?

Wang, Jen—*Stargazing*
Growing up in the same Chinese-American suburb, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends, whose friendship is tested by jealousy, social expectations, and illness.

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Young Adult

Ahmed, Saladan & Javier Garrón—Miles Morales V.1 Straight Out of Brooklyn
Miles Morales swings back into the spotlight! Balancing a normal life, school, friends, family and super-heroing has never been easy for Miles, but when the rampaging Rhino and a cadre of mysterious criminals start plaguing Brooklyn, things take a dark turn for the young Spider-Man!

Akasaka, Aka—Kaguya-sama: Love is War v. 9
Two high school geniuses scheme to get the other to confess their love first. Two geniuses. Two brains. Two hearts. One battle. Who will confess their love first...?!

Bendis, Brian Michael & Jamal Campbell—Naomi Season 1
When a fight between Superman and Mongul crashes into a small northwestern town, Naomi begins a quest to uncover the last time a super-powered person visited her home—and how that might tie into her own origins and adoption.

Ha, Robin—Almost American Girl
For many years it's been Robin and her mom against the world. Growing up as the only child of a single mother in Seoul, Korea, wasn't always easy, but it has bonded them fiercely together. So when a vacation to visit friends in Huntsville, Alabama, unexpectedly becomes a permanent relocation—following her mother's announcement that she's getting married—Robin is devastated. Overnight, her life changes. She is dropped into a new school where she doesn't understand the language and struggles to keep up.

Kobabe, Maia—Gender Queer
Maia's intensely cathartic autobiography charts eir journey of self-identity, which includes the mortification and confusion of adolescent crushes, grappling with how to come out to family and society, bonding with friends over gay fanfiction, and facing the trauma and fundamental violation of pap smears.

Oono, Kousuke—Way of the House Husband V. 1
He was the fiercest member of the yakuza, a man who left countless underworld legends in his wake. They called him “the Immortal Dragon.” But one day he walked away from it all to travel another path—the path of the househusband!

Rowell, Rainbow & Faith Erin Hicks—Pumpkinheads
Deja and Josiah are seasonal best friends. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked together at the world's best pumpkin patch. They say good-bye every Halloween, and they're reunited every September 1. But this Halloween is different. Josiah and Deja are finally seniors. It's their last season at the Patch, their last shift together—their last good-bye.

Shirahama, Kamonme—Witch Hat Atelier V.1
In a world where everyone takes wonders like magic spells and dragons for granted, Coco is a girl with a simple dream: she wants to be a witch. But everybody knows magicians are born, not made, and Coco was not born with a gift for magic. Coco is about to give up on her dream to become a witch ... until the day she meets Qifrey, a mysterious, traveling magician.

Tamaki, Mariko & Rosemary Valero-O'Connell—Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me
Laura Dean, the most popular girl in high school, was Frederica Riley's dream girl: charming, confident, and SO cute. There's just one problem: Laura Dean is maybe not the greatest girlfriend. Reeling from her latest break up, Freddy's best friend, Doodle, introduces her to the Seek-Her, a mysterious medium, who leaves Freddy some cryptic parting words: break up with her

Ukazi, Ngozi—Check Please 2
The continuation of the funny, coming-of-age story about hockey, bros, and trying to find yourself during the best four years of your life.

Usdin, Carly & Noah Hayes—The Avant-Guards V. 1
As a transfer student to the Georgia O’Keeffe College for Arts and Subtle Dramatics, former sports star Charlie is struggling to find her classes, her dorm, and her place amongst a student body full of artists who seem to know exactly where they’re going. When the school’s barely-a-basketball-team unexpectedly attempts to recruit her, Charlie’s adamant that she’s left that life behind...until she’s won over by the charming team captain, Liv, and the ragtag crew she’s managed to assemble.