year-old son to treat Zan like a little brother.

**Med Head: My Knock-Down, Drag-Out, Drugged-Up Battle With My Brain** by James Patterson

Cory Friedman woke up one morning when he was five years old with the uncontrollable urge to twitch his neck. From that day forward, Cory embarked on an excruciating journey from specialist to specialist to discover the cause of his disease. Soon it became unclear what tics were symptoms of Tourette's Syndrome and what were side effects of the countless combinations of drugs. The only certainty is that it kept getting worse.

**Fever Crumb** by Philip Reeve

Foundling Fever Crumb has been raised as an engineer although females in the future London, England, are not believed capable of rational thought, but at age fourteen she leaves her sheltered world and begins to learn startling truths about her past while facing danger in the present.

**Revolver** by Marcus Sedgwick

Finland, 1910: Fifteen-year-old Sig is shocked to see a hole in the frozen lake outside his family's cabin and to find his father's corpse nearby. Why did Einar steer his dog sled across the lake instead of taking the safer land route? Sig's sister and stepmother go for help, leaving Sig alone with Einar's body in the cabin. Soon after, an armed stranger barges in, demanding a share of Einar's stolen gold from when the two men knew each other during the Alaska Gold Rush.

**Last Summer of the Death Warriors** by Francisco X. Stork

Seventeen-year-old Pancho is bent on avenging the senseless death of his sister, but after he meets D.Q, who is dying of cancer, and Marisol, one of D.Q's caregivers, both boys find their lives changed by their interactions.

**Smile** by Raina Telgemeier

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.

**Twin Spica** by Kou Yaginuma

Thirteen-year-old Asumi lives in Japan in 2024 as the country's space program is resurrecting itself in the wake of a launch tragedy 10 years earlier, and Asumi aims to be among the first wave of young astronauts to take Japan into the stars. Raised by her construction worker father, Asumi is the apple of her dad's eye and he will do everything in his working-class power to make her dream of attending the Tokyo Space School come true.
**Ship Breaker** by Paolo Bacigalupi

In a futuristic world, Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

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**They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: the Birth of an American Terrorist Group** by Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Documents the history and origin of the Ku Klux Klan from its beginning in Pulaski, Tennessee, and provides personal accounts, congressional documents, diaries, and more.

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**Zombies vs. Unicorns** compiled by Holly Black & Justine Larbalestier

Twelve short stories by a variety of authors seek to answer the question of whether zombies are better than unicorns.

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**Heist** by Kenneth Oppel

In 1973 a renowned Canadian behavioral psychologist pursues his latest research project -- determining whether chimpanzees can acquire advanced language skills -- he brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his thirteen-

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**Stolen** by Lucy Christopher

Sixteen-year-old Gemma, a British city-dweller, is abducted while on vacation with her parents and taken to the Australian outback, where she soon realizes that escape attempts are futile, and in time she learns that her captor is not as despicable as she first believed.

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**Finnikin of the Rock** by Melina Marchetta

Now on the cusp of manhood, Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an impostor, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

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**The Sky is Everywhere** by Jandy Nelson

In the months after her sister dies, seventeen-year-old Lennie falls into a love triangle and discovers the strength to follow her dream of becoming a musician.

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**Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty** by Greg Neri

A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year old African American gang member from Chicago who shot a young girl.

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**Before I Fall** by Lauren Oliver

After she dies in a car crash, teenage Samantha relives the day of her death over and over again until, on the seventh day, she finally discovers a way to save herself.

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**Half Brother** by Kenneth Oppel

In 1973 a renowned Canadian behavioral psychologist pursues his latest research project -- determining whether chimpanzees can acquire advanced language skills -- he brings home a baby chimp named Zan and asks his thirteen-

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**Tangled** by Carolyn Mackler

The lives of four very different teenagers become entangled in ways that none of them could have imagined after a short stay at a Caribbean resort.