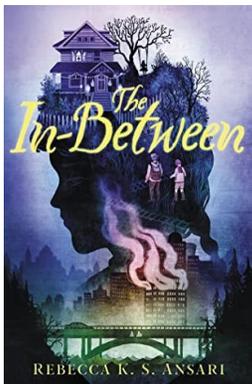


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Kid Picks

Books for 3rd - 5th graders



The In-Between

By Rebecca K. S. Ansari
J F Ansa 313 pages *Mystery/Fantasy*

Eighth-grader Cooper, and his 10-year-old sister, Jess, have been missing their dad ever since he moved out three years ago. Struggling to make sense of their lives, the siblings become involved in a strange mystery that seems to be tied to Elena, the new girl next door. With the help of their friend Gus, they dig deeper into news articles about several tragic

disasters that all report an unidentified survivor wearing a private school uniform with a unique insignia, "Vigilantes Unum." What is the connection to Elena, and can the friends figure it out in time to save someone else from certain danger?



The Year I Flew Away

By Marie Arnold
J F Arno 245 pages *Magical Realism*

Gabrielle is a 10-year-old girl who is moving to the United States from Haiti. She's incredibly nervous since her parents can't join her, and once she arrives in Brooklyn, she'll be staying with relatives she's never met before. Will she be able to learn a new language, navigate the school year, and find her place amongst her peers? Soon, Gabrielle finds herself

making a deal with a savvy witch, who guarantees success in her strange new world.

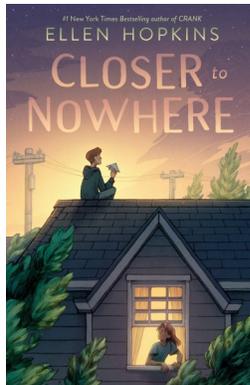


Stella Diaz Dreams Big

By Angela Dominguez
J F Domi 188 pages *Realistic Fiction*

In Angela Dominguez's third book, *Stella Diaz Dreams Big*, Stella finds herself a little bit overwhelmed as she fulfills her presidential duties for the aquatic conservation club, enrolls in swim lessons, and joins an art club. Stella is doing a lot of extra activities, but she's not too caught up in her own life to see that her mom is spending more time with

their new neighbor, Diego. Can Stella handle her busy life and her mom's new relationship?



Closer to Nowhere

By Ellen Hopkins
J F Hopk 405 pages *Novel in Verse*

Cal and Hannah are first cousins whose mothers are identical twins. After Cal's mom dies and his dad goes to prison, Cal moves in with Hannah's family. Told by Cal and Hannah in alternating perspectives, this novel in verse explores universal concepts of grief, family, and belonging. As Cal and Hannah navigate their sixth grade school year, they find

they share much more in common than they ever imagined.

Heads in Books

Kids' Book Club for Grades 3-5

Do you like reading *and* talking about books?

Join us virtually

Thursday, April 29 from 7:15-8:15 PM to discuss

Brown Girl Dreaming
by Jacqueline Woodson

Copies of the book are available at either Children's Desk or for Curbside Hold Pickup at Woodbourne or Centerville Library. Registration required. Registrants will receive a Webex invitation shortly before the meeting date/time.

See our [online Calendar of Events](#) for details!



Twins

By Varian Johnson
J F TWINS 247 pages *Graphic Novel*

Twin sisters Maureen and Francine have been best friends since birth and do everything together. However, what happens to their friendship when Francine decides she wants to have separate class schedules and participate in different after-school activities once they hit middle school? Can these two sisters stay friends, but also be two

separate people?



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