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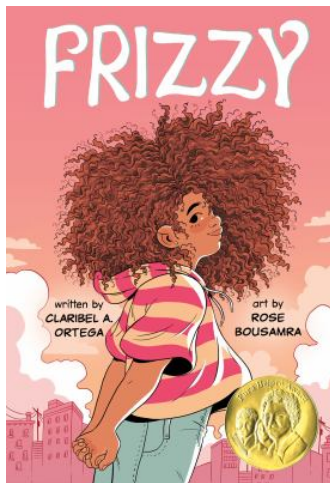
**Title:** Barely floating

**Author:** Rivera, Lilliam,

**ISBN:** 9780593323120

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** Twelve-year-old Natalia's dream of becoming a synchronized swimmer is in jeopardy when her parents decide they are against a sport that emphasizes looks, but Nat is determined to change their minds.



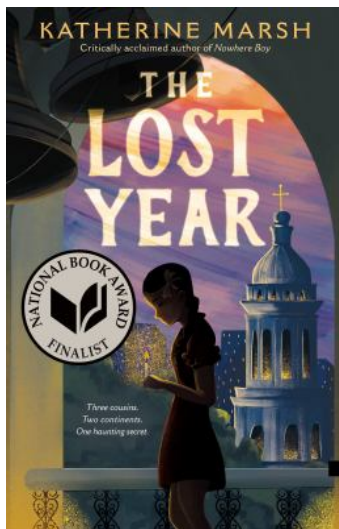
**Title:** Frizzy

**Author:** Ortega, Claribel A., Bousamra, Rose,

**ISBN:** 9781250259622

**Publication Date:** 2022

**Summary:** Publisher Annotation: Marlene loves three things: books, her cool Tía Ruby and hanging out with her best friend Camila. But according to her mother, Paola, the only thing she needs to focus on is school and "growing up." That means straightening her hair every weekend so she could have "presentable", "good hair". But Marlene hates being in the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty by those around her. With a few hiccups, a dash of embarrassment, and the much-needed help of Camila and Tia Ruby—she slowly starts a journey to learn to appreciate and proudly wear her curly hair.



**Title:** The lost year

**Author:** Marsh, Katherine,

**ISBN:** 9781250313607

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, thirteen-year-old Matthew discovers a shocking secret about his great-grandmother's past as he learns about her life during the Holodomor famine in Soviet Ukraine.

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**Title:** The Manifestor prophecy  
Nic Blake and the Remarkables ;

**Author:** Thomas, Angie,

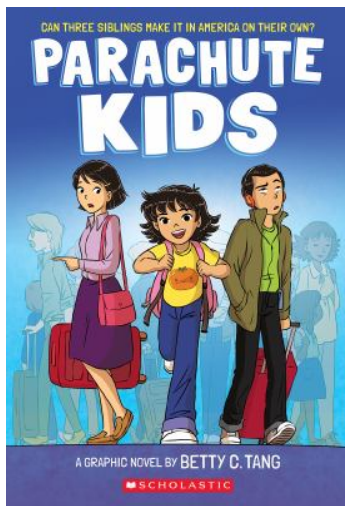
**ISBN:** 9780063225138

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**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** "It's not easy being a Remarkable in the Unremarkable world. Some things are cool--like getting a pet hellhound for your twelfth birthday. Others, not so much--like not being trusted to learn magic because you might use it to take revenge on an annoying neighbor. All Nic Blake wants is to be a powerful Manifestor like her dad. But before she has a chance to convince him to teach her the gift, a series of shocking revelations and terrifying events launch Nic and two friends on a hunt for a powerful magic tool she's never heard of...to save her father from imprisonment for a crime she refuses to believe he committed."



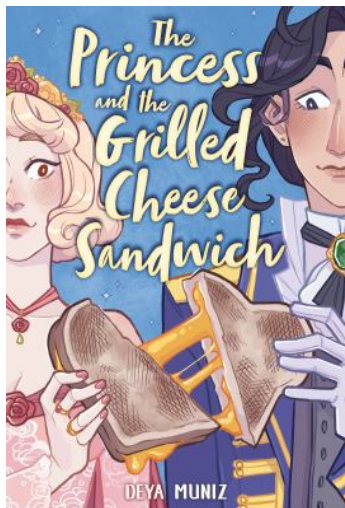
**Title:** Parachute kids

**Author:** Tang, Betty C.,

**ISBN:** 9781338832686

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** After their two-week family tour of Los Angeles, ten-year-old Feng Li Lin and her older brother and sister learn they will remain in California while their parents return to Taiwan, forcing them to navigate a new school, a new language, bullies, racism, and the pressures of running a household.



**Title:** The princess and the grilled cheese sandwich

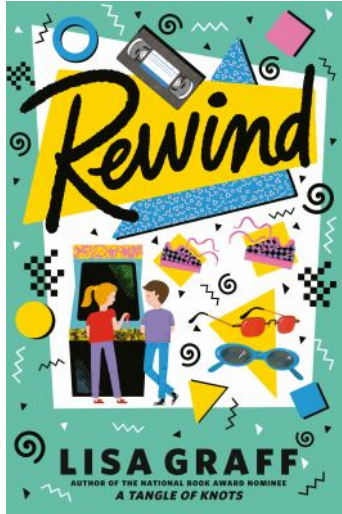
**Author:** Muniz, Deya,

**ISBN:** 9780316538701, 9780316538725

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** "Cam disguises herself as a man to inherit her father's money and estate, and though she tries to keep a low profile, she ends up falling for Crown Princess Brie."--

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**Title:** Rewind

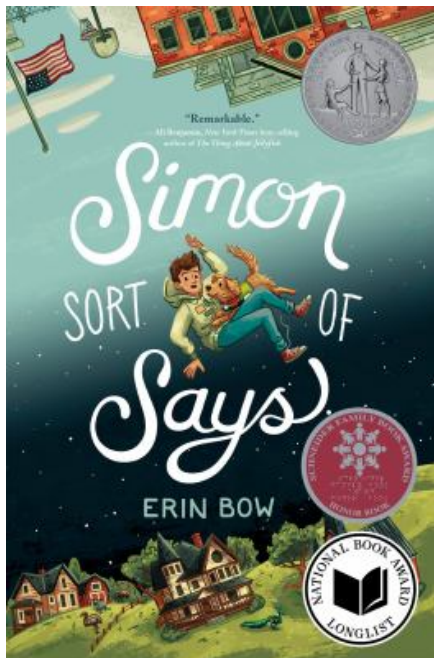
**Author:** Graff, Lisa (Lisa Colleen), 1981-

**ISBN:** 9781524738624

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** "As far as twelve-year-old McKinley O'Dair is concerned, the best thing about living in Gap Bend, Pennsylvania, is the Time Hop--the giant party the town throws every June to celebrate a single year in history. That one day is enough to make the few things that aren't so fantastic about McKinley's life--like her crabby homeroom teacher or her super-scheduled father--worth suffering through. And when McKinley learns that this year's theme is 1993, she can't wait to enter the Time Hop fashion show with a killer '90s outfit she's designed and sewn all on her own. But when the Time Hop rolls around, nothing goes as planned. In fact, it's the biggest disaster of McKinley's life. Before she knows what's hit her, McKinley

somehow finds herself in the real 1993--and it's not all kitschy parachute pants and Jurassic Park. All McKinley wants is to return to the present, but before she can, she's going to have to make a big change--but which change is the right one?"



**Title:** Simon sort of says

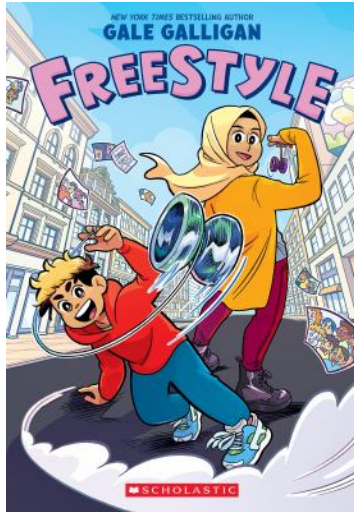
**Author:** Bow, Erin,

**ISBN:** 9781368082853

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** Two years after a tragedy saddles him with viral fame, twelve-year-old Simon O'Keeffe and his family move to Grin And Bear It, Nebraska, where the internet and cell phones are banned so astrophysicists can scan the sky for signs of alien life, and where, with the help of two new friends, a puppy, and a giant radio telescope, Simon plans to restart the narrative of his life.

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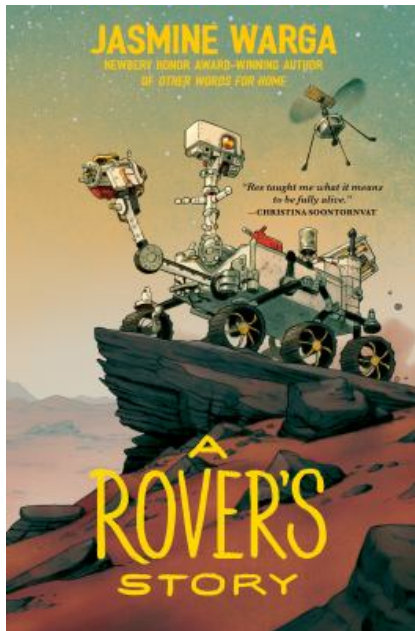
**Title:** Freestyle

**Author:** Galligan, Gale,

**ISBN:** 9781338045802

**Publication Date:** 2022

Cory's dance crew is getting ready for a major competition. It's the last one before they graduate eighth grade and go their separate ways to high schools all over New York City, so they have to make it count! The group starts to have problems as their crew captain gets increasingly intense about nailing the routine, and things go from bad to worse when Cory's parents ground him for not taking his grades seriously. He gets stuck with a new tutor, Sunna, who he dismisses as a boring nerd... until he catches her secretly practicing cool yo-yo tricks. Cory wants to learn the art of yo-yo, and as his friendship with Sunna grows, he ends up missing practice and bailing on his crew -- and they are not happy about it. With mounting pressure coming from all sides, how is Cory supposed to balance the expectations of his parents, school, dance, and his new friend



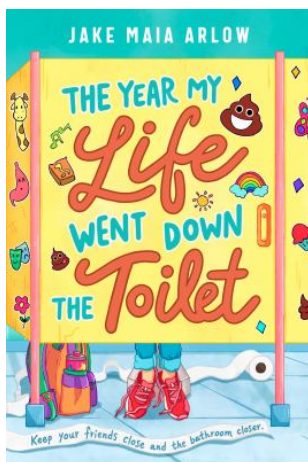
**Title:** A rover's story

**Author:** Warga, Jasmine, Rockefeller, Matt,

**ISBN:** 9780063113923

**Publication Date:** 2022

**Summary:** Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him, and as he blasts off and explores Mars, Resilience must overcome different obstacles as he explores the red planet.



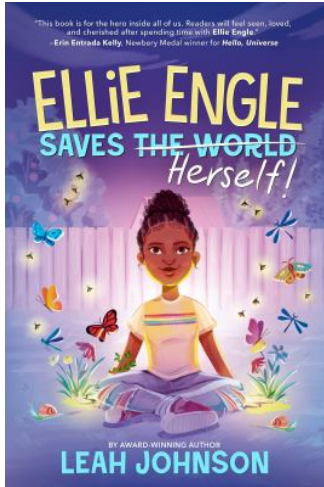
**Title:** The year my life went down the toilet

**Author:** Arlow, Jake Maia,

**ISBN:** 9780593112960

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** Twelve-year-old AI navigates an overprotective mother, growing apart from her best friend, and her first girl crush, all while her recent Crohn's diagnosis puts a knot in her stomach.



**Title:** Ellie Engle saves herself

**Author:** Johnson, Leah (Young adult author),

**ISBN:** 9781368085557

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Summary:** As twelve-year-old Ellie Engle navigates seventh grade and her changing relationship with her best friend, a freak accident occurs and gives Ellie the ability to bring things back to life through touch.



**Title:** What the jaguar told her

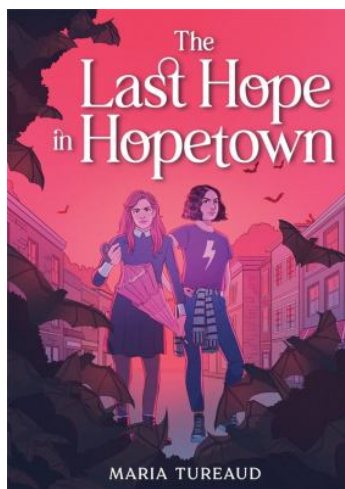
**Author:** Méndez, Alexandra V.,

**ISBN:** 9781646141753

**Publication Date:** 2022

**Summary:** Jade is starting eighth grade in a new city--Atlanta. She just wants to go back to Chicago, where her friends are. Where her Abuela lives. There, Jade meets Itztli, an elderly storyteller who exists between dreams and reality. In the golden afternoons when Itztli appears, he steps out of the forest as a lithe, agile jaguar. But when he speaks to Jade, he is a wise old man who makes intricate works of art and tells her ancestral stories of Mexico. At first, Itztli's stories feel far removed from Jade's life. But as her Abuela suddenly falls ill, two towers come crashing down in New York City, and Jade becomes someone or something she doesn't yet understand, Itztli's stories take on new meaning. Jade must learn to

have patience and strength to become who she was always meant to be, as the stirrings of an ancient power awaken within her.



**Title:** The last hope in Hopetown

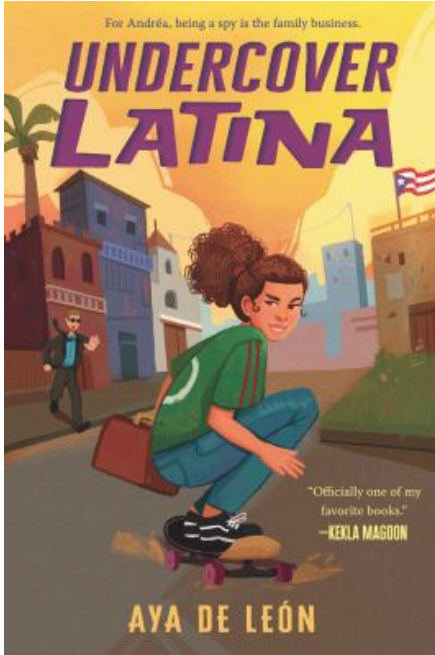
**Author:** Tureaud, Maria,

**ISBN:** 9780316368452

**Publication Date:** 2022

**Summary:** Twelve-year-old Sophie and her 300-year-old best vampire friend Delphine break into a secret government facility to find a cure for the illness causing vampires to go rogue.

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**Title:** Undercover Latina

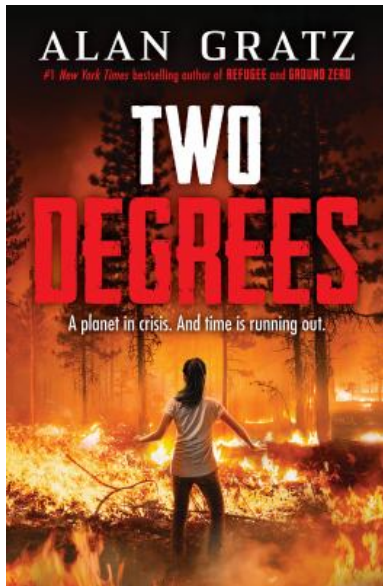
**Author:** Leon, Aya De,

**ISBN:** 9781536233018

**Publication Date:** 2023

**Format:** Books

Fourteen-year-old Andréa Hernández-Baldoquín hails from a family of spies working for the Factory, an international organization dedicated to protecting people of color. For her first solo mission, Andréa straightens her hair and goes undercover as Andrea Burke, a white girl, to befriend the estranged son of a dangerous white supremacist. In addition to her Factory training, the assignment calls for a deep dive into the son's interests--comic books and gaming--all while taking care not to speak Spanish and blow her family's cover. But it's hard to hide who you really are, especially when you develop a crush on your target's Latino best friend. Can Andréa keep her head, her geek cred, and her code-switching on track to trap a terrorist?



**Title:** Two degrees

**Author:** Gratz, Alan, 1972-

**ISBN:** 9781338735673

**Publication Date:** 2022

**Summary:** When three children endure separate climate change disasters--a wildfire in the California woods, a close encounter with a hungry polar bear in Canada, and a massive hurricane in Florida--they emerge from their experiences committed to changing the world.