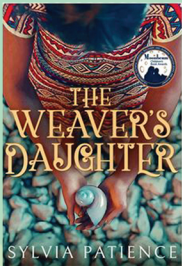


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When her papá doesn't return, twelve-year-old Ixchel, a Maya from the Yucatan, resolves to leave home and make her way across the treacherous border into the United States to find him.

Frightened, but resourceful, she is driven by hope, love for her father, and her dream of going to school.

THE WEAVER'S DAUGHTER
Sylvia Patience

WINNER OF A 2020 MOONBEAM
CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD



Weeks after watching her principal try to chew up her teacher, and minutes after she'd just lost her family, 12-year-old Aurora Bonsall begins her escape. Alongside Max Random in his hand-built go-kart, they set off across a ruined landscape of studio backlots, wrecked shopping malls, and not-so-abandoned hospitals. At every step, they'll find the not-quite-dead waiting for them.

MAX RANDOM AND THE ZOMBIE 500
Mark London Williams



Mother says, "Don't name the merchandise," and "Don't let the humans see you."

But Boy can't resist naming the cute, fuzzy ball of feathers and knife-sharp talons they're delivering. And why be afraid of weak, ignorant humans?

THE SMUGGLERS
FROM THE TRUCK STOP AT
THE CENTER OF THE GALAXY
Vanessa MacLaren-Wray

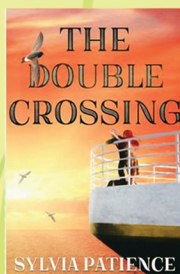
Plus, this old skinsuit works, but it's getting cramped. Maybe it's time for a change.



Shortly before World War II breaks out in Europe, thirteen-year-olds David and Hannah attempt to escape Nazi Germany, along with over nine hundred other Jewish refugees, on the historic voyage of the St. Louis.

Together, they discover a Nazi spy plot, and dare to interfere, nearly at the cost of Hannah's life.

When the ship is forced to return to Europe David and Hannah are sent to different destinations ... perhaps separated forever.



THE DOUBLE CROSSING
Sylvia Patience



HAYCORN SMITH AND THE CASTLE GHOST
John Kachuba

Twelve-year-old Haycorn may know all about ghosts of Ohio, but even he is stunned when he and his friend Budge encounter a ghost in a castle.

The boys witness a clandestine meeting there between two men involving a kick-back scheme, putting their lives, and that of Haycorn's mother, in jeopardy.

But the ghost may have other plans for all of them.

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THE ABDUCTION OF JOSHUA BLOOM
Michael L. Thal

Abducted by aliens, a high school track star explores strange worlds, uncovers genocide on a planetary scale, and is thrust into extraterrestrial politics that decides the fate of an Earth on the brink of war or unification.

When a mysterious ring suddenly appears on reclusive teenager Ellen's bookshelf, she is granted the power to travel miles away from everything she's ever known.

There she meets Shard, a friendly dragon who offers to help Ellen grow her stunted-since-birth magic. Little does she know, her magical voyages have raised the suspicions of those who would destroy her.



SMASH THE WORLD'S SHELL
Daniel Fliederbaum



SAYING GOODBYE
J Dark

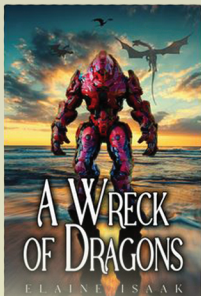
A young girl, searching for the parents who abandoned her, discovers that some answers only lead to more questions.

Impulsive, adventurous, and self-confident, Susannah accepts an offer to become the governess to a young foreigner on a ship.

But when she is accused of spying and put on trial in an alien court, Susannah has to challenge the law of the aliens to save herself – and her young and slimy student.



SNAIL'S PACE
Susan McDonough-Wachtman



A WRECK OF DRAGONS
Elaine Isaak

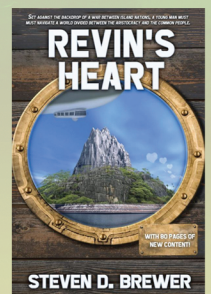
Two hundred years after the Climate Wars left Earth uninhabitable, Johari and his giant robot companion lead a squad of scouts on a quest for a new planet to settle the remnants of the human race.

When one of the scouts and his bot go down in a hostile wilderness, Johari's fight to save them reveals complex behavior in the dragon-like dominant species. The scout team fragments as Johari strives to rescue his friends and discover the truth about the aliens.

If he's right, mankind will lose its best hope for a home – or sacrifice its own humanity.

Set against the backdrop of a war between island nations, Revin must navigate a world divided between the aristocracy and the common people. And, as a promising young man, he must choose whom to align himself with – and to serve.

But what does Revin's heart say?



REVIN'S HEART
A REVIN'S HEART COLLECTION
Steven D. Brewer

YOUNG ADULT



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