Wild Bird, by Wendelin Van Draanen
**How this book stands out:** Gripping realistic survival fiction set in the Utah desert.
**You might also like:** Alabama Moon, Touching Spirit Bear, The Running Dream

Piecing me Together, by Renee Watson
**How this book stands out:** A young woman learns to stand on her own in this realistic novel.
**You might also like:** The Laura Line, This Side of Home, The Boy in the Black Suit.

Beanstalker and Other Hilarious Scary Tales, by Kiersten White
**How this book stands out:** A snappy mash-up of old-fashioned fairy tales and new-fashioned chills and jokes!
**You might also like:** Attack of the Vampire Weenies, Coraline, A Tale Dark & Grimm.

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The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora, by Pablo Cartaya
**How this book stands out:** a fun story about boys, girls, and family. Realistic fiction.
**You might also like:** How to Avoid Extinction, Antsy Does Time, One Crazy Summer

Last Day On Mars, by Kevin Emerson
**How this book stands out:** action-packed science fiction thriller.
**You might also like:** Black Hole Sun, The Lost Planet, MiNRS.

The Inquisitor’s Tale, by Adam Gidwitz
**How this book stands out:** historical fantasy with plenty of action and adventure.
**You might also like:** Midnight Magic, A Tale Dark and Grimm, Far Far Away

Refugee, by Alan Gratz
**How this book stands out:** tense historical fiction about kids running for their lives.
**You might also like:** Prisoner B-3087, Shooting Kabul, Salt to the Sea.

The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl: Squirrel Meets World, by Shannon and Dean Hale
**How this book stands out:** learn the origin of Squirrel Girl!
**You might also like:** Lumberjanes, Super Girl at Super Hero High, The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl (Marvel comic)
**The Van Gogh Deception**, by Deron Hicks
How this book stands out: a fast-paced mystery.
You might also like: Framed!, Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library, Chasing Vermeer.

**Four-Four-Two**, by Dean Hughes
How this book stands out: a gripping war story.
You might also like: *Soldier Boys*, *Eyes of the Emperor*, *Dive: World War 2 Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific*

**Warcross**, by Marie Lu
How this book stands out: virtual reality gets deadly in this science-fiction thriller.
You might also like: *Eye of Minds*, *Insignia*, *Otherworld*.

**Heartless**, by Marissa Meyer
How this book stands out: dark fantasy exploring the story of Alice in Wonderland’s evil Queen of Hearts.
You might also like: *The Looking Glass Wars*, *School for Good and Evil*, *Beastly*.

**Impyrium** by Henry J. Neff
How this book stands out: imaginative blending of fantasy and steampunk.
You might also like: *The False Prince*, *The Hound of Rowan*, *The Demon King*.

**Frogkisser!**, by Garth Nix
How this book stands out: a fun, magical adventure with a princess who won’t need rescuing, thank you.
You might also like: *The Wishing Spell*, *Ella Enchanted*, *The School for Good and Evil*.

**Between Two Skies**, by Joanne O’Sullivan
How this book stands out: Romance and heartache in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.
You might also like: *Finding Someplace*, *Ninth Ward*, *Zane and the Hurricane*.

**Miles Morales, Spider-Man**, by Jason Reynolds
You might also like: *Batman: Nightwalker*; *Wonder Woman: Forever Red*; *The Zodiac Legacy series*.

**York: The Shadow Cipher**, by Laura Ruby
How this book stands out: Fast-paced race against time in an alternative New York City.
You might also like: *Chasing Vermeer*, *The Clockwork Scarab*, *The Mysterious Benedict Society*.

**Scythe**, by Neal Shusterman
How this book stands out: Sci-fi thriller looking at death—in a world where no one dies.
You might also like: *Unwind*, *Flawed*, *Nemesis*.

**Short**, by Holly Goldberg Sloan
How this book stands out: Realistic fiction with a funny look at the perils of being short!
You might also like: *How to Stage a Catastrophe*, *Better Nate than Ever*, *Jack & Louisa Act I*.

**Well, That Was Awkward**, by Rachel Vail
How this book stands out: Realistic fiction about girls and their crushes.
You might also like: *The Swap*, Addie Bell’s Shortcut to Growing Up, Flawless.