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What fast and slow vehicles can you see today?

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An animal’s color is a matter of survival!

Whose Tools Are These? A Look at Tools Workers Use—Big, Sharp, and Smooth
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A fun occupational guessing game

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by Kate Egan and Mike Lane; Eric Wight (Illus.)
Mike has a hard time in school, but a trip to a mysterious magic shop may be just the thing he needs to turn everything around.

SIDEKICKS (GRAPHIC NOVEL)
by Dan Santat
Think being a superpowered pet is easy? Think again!
Who Was Nelson Mandela?
by Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso; Stephen Marchesi (Illus.)
The fascinating life of a South African leader who changed the world for the better. (J B Mandela P)

SERIES
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Changers Book One: Drew
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On his first morning of high school, Ethan is shocked to find out he has changed into a girl. EBK

Better Nate than Ever
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Can Broadway hopeful Nate get to New York and audition for the new E.T. musical without his family finding out? AUD, EBK, TB

The Last Dragonslayer
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Orphan Jennifer Strange’s career takes a sudden turn from business management to dragon-slaying. EBK, AUD

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Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong
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Endangered
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The Riverman
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  by Gail Carriger
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  by John Feinstein
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  by Michelle Paver
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Proxy
by Alexander London
Knox is living the life. No matter what he does, Syd takes the punishment. What happens when things go too far? EBK, TB

Open Road Summer
by Emery Lord
Reagan goes on tour with her country music star BFF and sparks fly when she falls for the opening act. EBK

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The future is all wrong. Only Em and Finn can set it right by traveling back in time... and killing someone. EBK
Who Was Nelson Mandela?
by Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso; Stephen Marchesi (Illus.)
The fascinating life of a South African leader who changed the world for the better. (J B Mandela P)

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• Amelia Rules, by Jimmy Gownley
• Club C.S.I., by David Lewman
• Heroes of Olympus (graphic novel), by George O'Connor
• Stranded, by Jeff Probst and Chris Tebbetts
• I Survived, by various authors

MIDDLE SCHOOL
FICTION
Changers Book One: Drew
by T. Cooper
On his first morning of high school, Ethan is shocked to find out he has changed into a girl. EBK

Better Nate than Ever
by Tim Federle
Can Broadway hopeful Nate get to New York and audition for the new E.T. musical without his family finding out? AUD, EBK, TB

The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen
by Susin Nielsen-Fernlund
With the help of his crazy friends and the Global Wrestling Federation, can Henry get over a life-changing tragedy? EBK

Nothing Can Possibly Go Wrong
by Prudence Shen
The robotics club goes up against the cheerleaders in a school election full of hijinks and mud-slinging.

Endangered
by Eliot Schrefer
Sophie must care for Otto, a rescued baby bonobo, while traveling through the Congolese jungle to find her mother. BR, EBK

The Riverman
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If Fiona is right, the Riverman is stealing children. Alistair needs to find out before it’s too late. EBK

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- Steve Sheinkin
- Gabrielle Zevin
Code Name Verity
by Elizabeth Wein
In WWII Britain, one girl becomes a pilot, another a spy. What happens next will test the limits of their heroism — and their friendship. BR, EBK, TB

The Shadow Hero
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When gangsters threaten his family in 1930s Chinatown, Hank Chu fights back by becoming a new hero.

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The Invention of Wings
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A desire for freedom inspires two Southern women, a white debutante and her black slave, to take flight, finding courage to defy their restrictions.

Invisible City
by Julia Dahl
A young Brooklyn journalist is drawn into her own Hasidic Jewish heritage as she investigates the murder of a Hasidic woman.

Island Girls
by Nancy Thayer
Three adult half-sisters work through their old resentments and misunderstandings when their late father’s will mandates a summer together at his upscale Nantucket home.

The Martian
by Andy Weir
A stranded and presumed dead NASA astronaut uses all his ingenuity and training to survive in the unforgiving environment of Mars until he can be rescued.

Runner
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A midnight jog leads to a dangerous encounter between a retired Special Forces operative and a 12-year-old girl who possesses an extremely dangerous skill.
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Vampires in the Lemon Grove
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Whether monster or human, the characters in these short stories go through magical transformations that help them better understand their lives.

Glitter and Glue: A Memoir
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The author gives her perspectives on motherhood, shaped by her job as a nanny for a grieving family and her experiences with her daughters and her own mother.

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