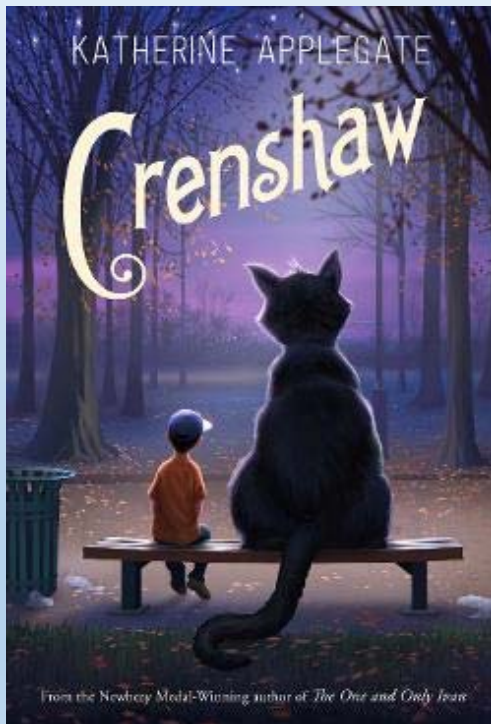


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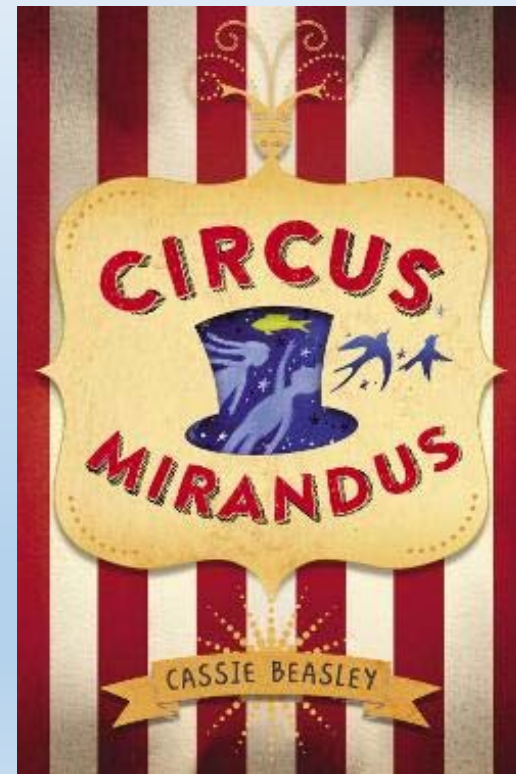
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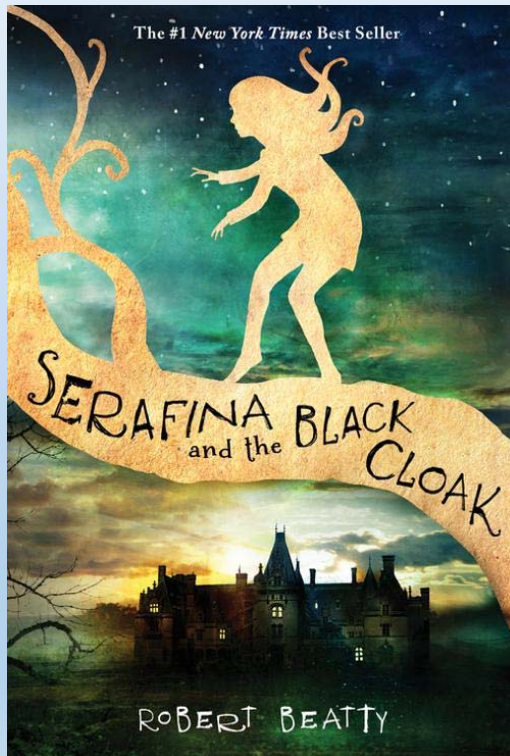
- A homeless boy and his large imaginary cat prove in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether they are real or imaginary.

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

- When he realizes that his grandfather's stories of an enchanted circus are true, Micah sets out to find the mysterious Circus Mirandus and to use its magic to save his grandfather's life.



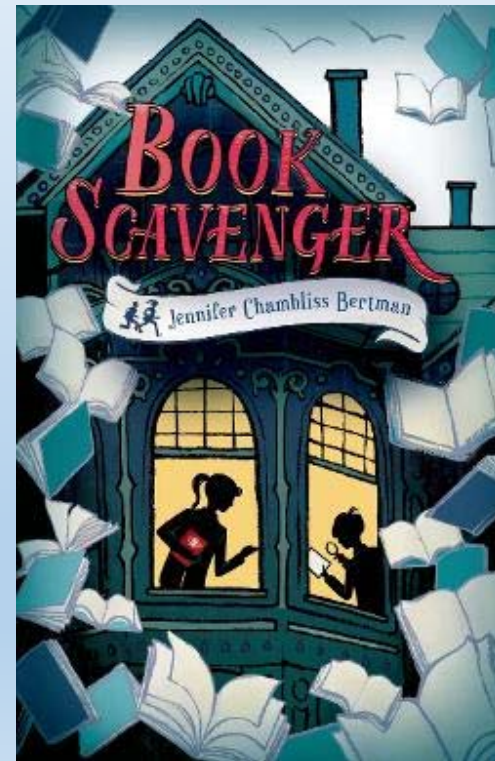
Serafina and the Black Cloak by Robert Beatty



- In 1899, a twelve-year-old rat catcher on North Carolina's Biltmore Estate teams up with the estate owner's young nephew to battle a great evil and, in the process, unlocks the puzzle of her past.

Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss

- Just after Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery.



The Iron Trial

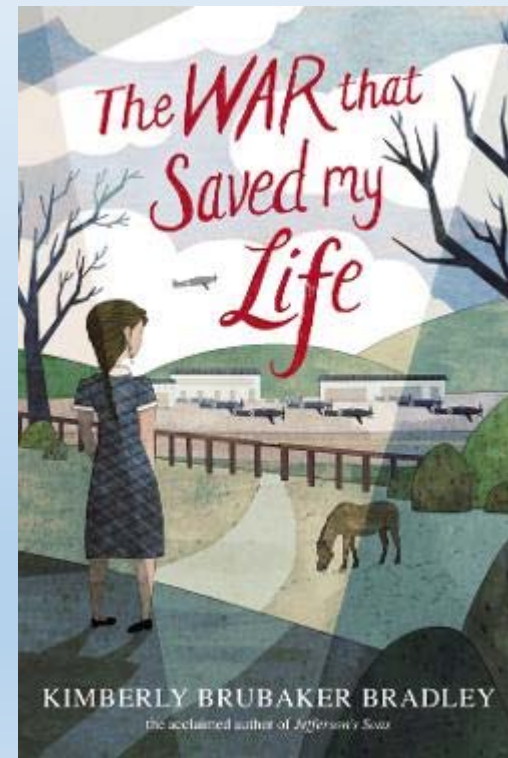
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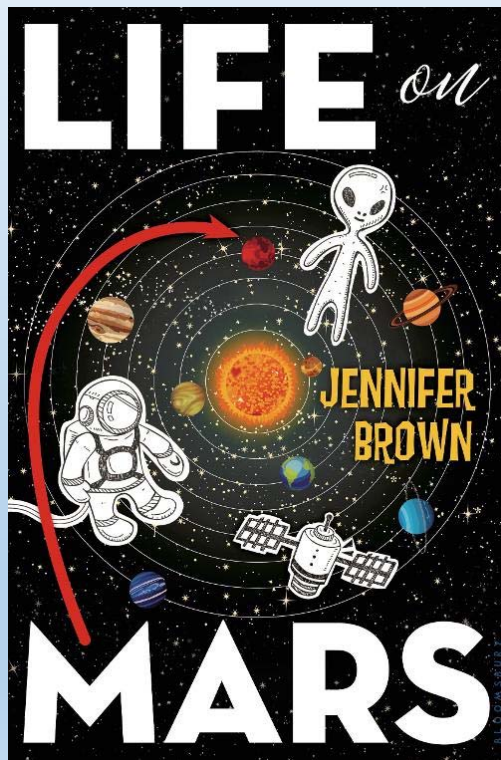
- Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past.

The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

- A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II. There, they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



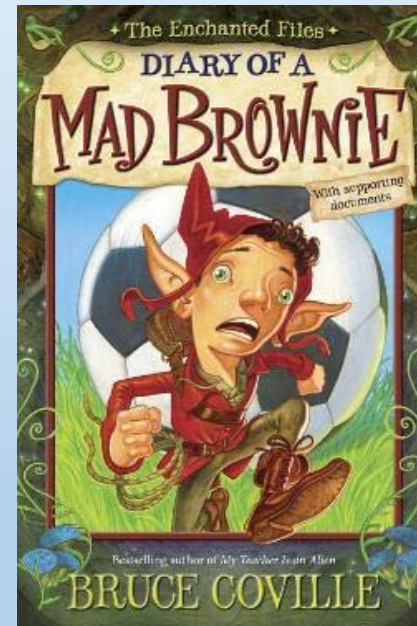
Life on Mars by Jennifer Brown



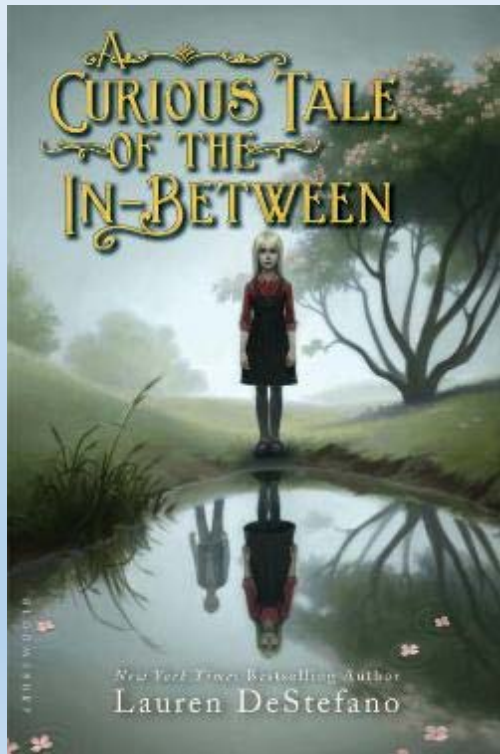
- Arcturus Betelgeuse Chambers' quest to find life on other planets seems at an end when his parents decide to move to Las Vegas, but while they look for a house, he stays with his neighbor, an astronaut who soon becomes a friend.

Diary of a Mad Brownie by Bruce Coville

- Angus Cairns is a brownie, a magical creature with a fastidious nature. Alex Carhart is the messiest eleven-year-old in the United States. Together, this unlikely pair embarks on an unforgettable adventure.

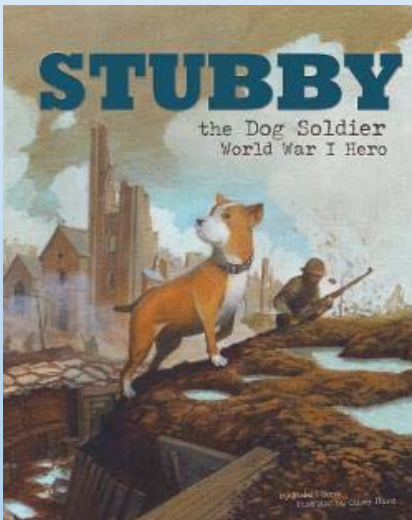


The Curious Tale of the In-Between by Lauren Destefano



- Pram lives with two aunts who run a retirement home, hiding the fact that she can talk with ghosts--but not the spirit of her mother. After befriendng Clarence, who also lost his mother, she decides to find her father in hopes he can answer her questions.

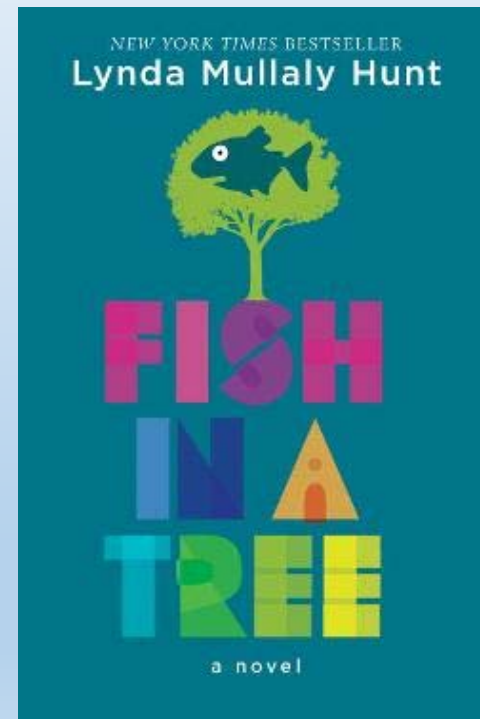
Stubby the Dog Soldier by B.A. Hoena



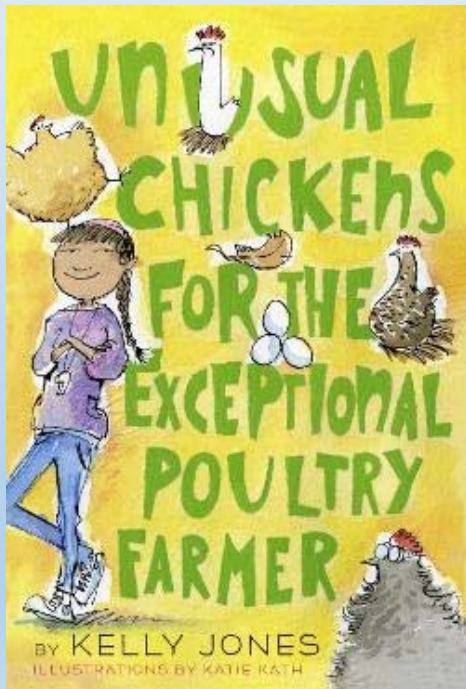
- A stray dog named Stubby braves the World War I battlefields alongside Private J. Robert Conroy and makes a big difference in the lives of many World War I soldiers.

Fish in a Tree
by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

- Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.



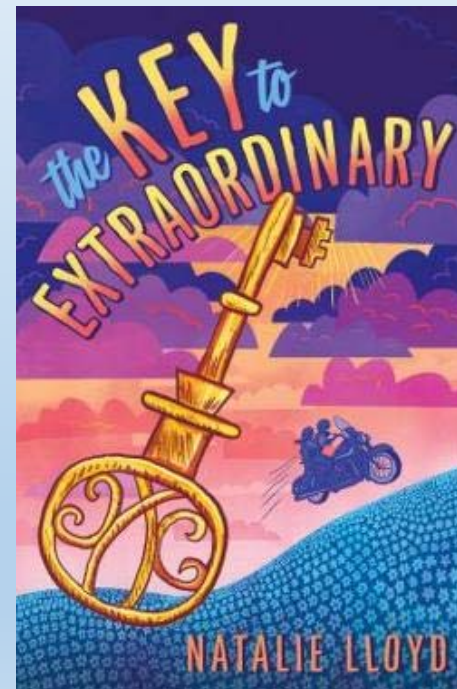
Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones



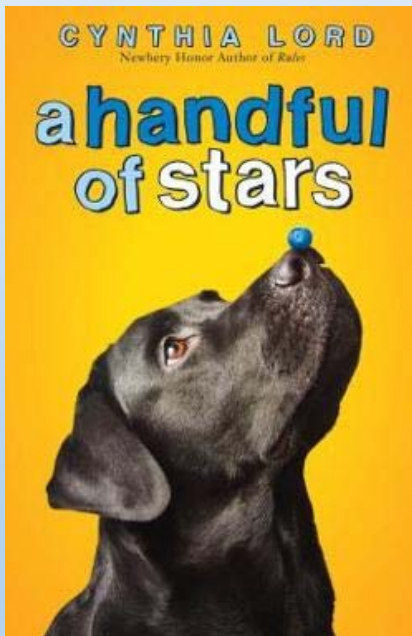
- Through a series of letters, Sophie Brown tells of her family's move to her Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd

- Emma Casey lives by a haunted graveyard in her Tennessee town, giving tours, and helping her brother and Granny Blue with the family bakery, and waiting for the destiny dream of her ancestors--but when it comes it shows her only a key, and she finds that she must solve a ghostly mystery that has haunted her town for generations.



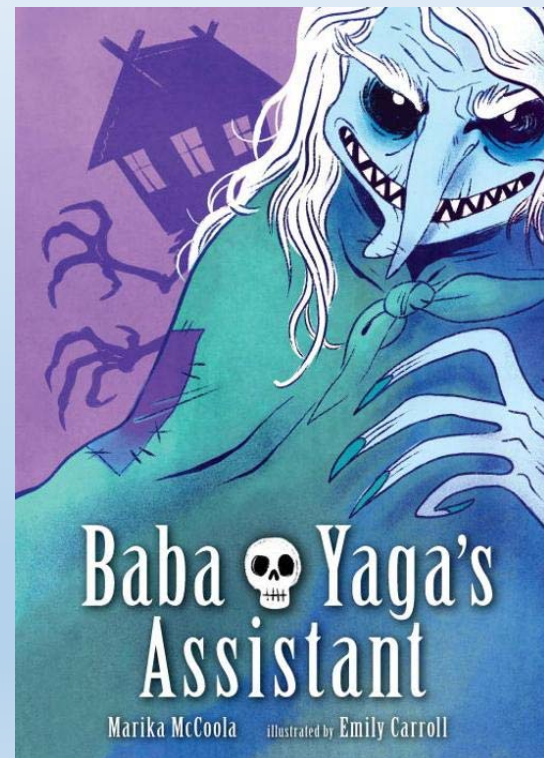
A Handful of Stars by Cynthia Lord



- When Lily's blind dog, Lucky, slips his collar and runs away across the wide-open blueberry barrens of eastern Maine, it's Salma Santiago who manages to catch him. The two quickly become friends.

Baba Yaga's Assistant by Marika McCoola

- Baba Yaga, the fearsome witch of folklore, needs an assistant, and Masha needs an adventure. She may be clever enough to enter Baba Yaga's house-on-chicken-legs, but within its walls, deceit is the rule. To earn her place, Masha must pass a series of tests, outfox a territorial bear, and make dinner for her host.



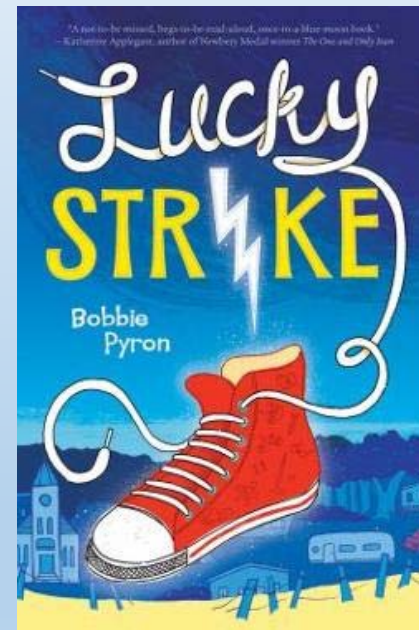
Ranger in Time: Long Road to Freedom by Kate Messner



- The mysterious box that Ranger the golden retriever found transports him to a Maryland plantation before the Civil War, where he must help a young house slave named Sarah and her younger brother Jesse find their way to the underground railroad and North to freedom,

Lucky Strike by Bobbie Pyron

- Nathaniel lives with his grandfather in a trailer park in Florida. He has always been unlucky, but when he is struck by lightning on his eleventh birthday and survives, it seems like his luck starts to change.



Woof

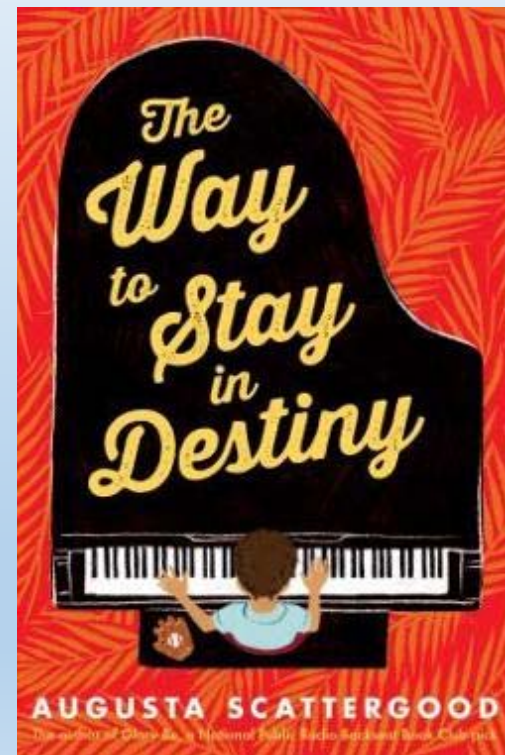
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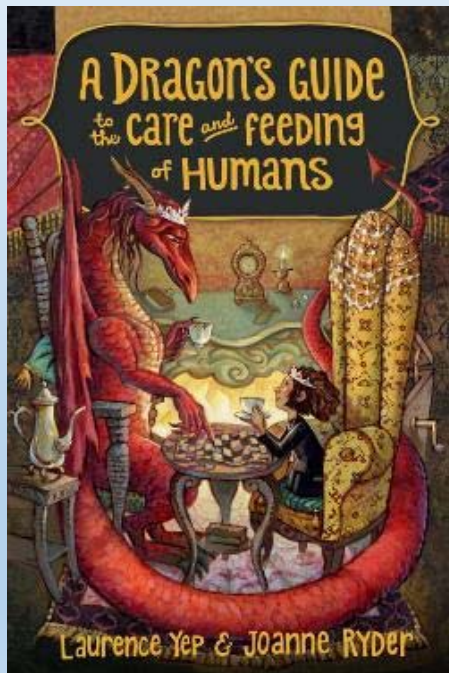
- Bowser is a mutt, just adopted by Birdie Gaux and her grandmother, but when they all get home to Grammy's bait and tackle shop in the bayou, they discover that their prize stuffed marlin has been stolen--so Bowser decides to investigate, and things quickly become complicated and dangerous.

The Way to Stay in Destiny by Augusta Scattergood

- Theo leaves everything behind to live with his Uncle Chester, a Vietnam War veteran and loner, in Florida, but he is drawn to play the piano in Miss Sister's dance school and soon makes friends with the feisty Anabel. Together, they work to solve a mystery.



A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans by Lawrence Yep



- Feisty dragon Miss Drake has a new pet human—the precocious Winnie. When Winnie accidentally brings to life the "sketchlings" of mysterious and fantastic creatures hidden in San Francisco, she causes mayhem among its residents.