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A new early reader series  
from dynamic duo,  
Newbery Honor author  
Cynthia Lord and NEW  
YORK TIMES bestselling  
illustrator Derek  
Anderson, featuring Hot  
Rod Hamster! Hot Rod

Hamster LOVES to drive  
superfast. And today he's  
building a box car from  
scratch to race downhill in  
the Wacky Whatever  
Race. He needs to pick  
out a box, wheels, and a  
paint color for his car. Can  
you help him? With the  
same bouncing rhythms,  
fun choice rhymes, and  
daredevil antics that  
made the picture books so  
popular, this original Level

2 reader will be a sturdy  
stepping-stone for Hot  
Rod Hamster fans as well  
as series newcomers as  
they move on to  
independent reading. The  
years Ms. Lord spent as a  
first-grade teacher have  
given her the perfect  
sense for what language  
and storylines work best  
for emerging readers. This  
new adventure skillfully  
emphasizes word families

and rhyming structures with pedal-to-the-metal flare! Little boys and girls will race to collect this latest story from their favorite furry friend. Hop into the early-reading driver's seat and join Hot Rod Hamster and his buddies for a fun-filled race day with a thrilling surprise at the finish line!

**Women Who Broke the Rules: Sonia**

**Sotomayor** Scholastic Inc.

Includes an excerpt from Marco Polo brave explorer.

*Jelly Bean (Shelter Pet*

*Squad #1)* Albert Whitman & Company  
A heartwarming, intimate, and amusing memoir of a father's experience raising his autistic son. When Tom Fields-Meyer's son Ezra was three and showing early signs of autism, a therapist suggested that the father needed to grieve. "For what?" Tom asked. The answer: "For the child he didn't turn out to be." That moment helped strengthen the author's resolve to do just the opposite: to love the child Ezra was, a quirky boy

with a fascinating and complex mind. Full of tender moments and unexpected humor, Following Ezra is the story of a father and son on a ten-year journey from Ezra's diagnosis to the dawn of his adolescence. It celebrates his growth from a toddler to an extraordinary young man, connected in his own remarkable ways to the world around him. And through Ezra's eyes, Tom—and, in turn, the reader—gains a new and beautiful understanding of the world.

Last Shot: Mystery at the Final Four (The Sports Beat, 1) Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR)

When a bored girl meets a potato who finds children tedious, she tries to prove him wrong by demonstrating all of the things they can do, from turning cartwheels to using their imaginations. Full color.

Roll with It Simon and Schuster

A ten-year-old girl learns the importance of family and community in this tale of love and hope set during the Hurricane

Katrina disaster. Armani Curtis can think about only one thing: her tenth birthday. All her friends are coming to her party, her mama is making a big cake, and she has a good feeling about a certain wrapped box. Turning ten is a big deal to Armani. It means she's older, wiser, more responsible. But when Hurricane Katrina hits the Lower Nines of New Orleans, Armani realizes that being ten means being brave, watching loved ones die, and mustering all her strength to help her

family weather the storm. A powerful story of courage and survival, *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere* celebrates the miraculous power of hope and love in the face of the unthinkable. Praise for *Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere* "Lamana goes for and achieves realism here, carefully establishing the characters and setting before describing in brutal detail, beyond what is typical in youth literature, the devastating effects of Katrina—loss of multiple

family members, reports of attacks in the Superdome, bodies drifting in the current and less-than-ideal shelter conditions. An honest, bleak account of a national tragedy sure to inspire discussion and research.” —Kirkus Reviews “I recommend the book because I think it does a good job of capturing what life was like in New Orleans both before and after Katrina and because Armani’s journey will give readers a lot to think about and discuss. But parents will

want to know that it doesn’t flinch when describing the death and destruction that hit New Orleans during that time and be cautious with younger, sensitive readers.” —Cindy Hudson, author of *Book by Book Home Away From Home* Simon and Schuster In this charming illustrated chapter book series by Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord, the Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect homes for animals in need! A pet is missing! When Suzannah arrives to volunteer at the

shelter, one of the animals is missing! It’s Merlin, a mischievous ferret who gets into everything, and loves to play hide and seek. Owning a ferret can be really hard work, the Shelter Pet Squad discovers. Whoever takes Merlin home will need to be prepared. That’s why Suzannah and the other kids make up a test to give to anyone who wants to adopt him. But the ferret is full of surprises . . . and even the Shelter Pet Squad has a lot to learn. Animal lovers will

adore this charming series by Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord.

*Half a Chance* Scholastic Inc.

Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from a peach is not a funny-looking apple to keep your pants on in public--- in order to head off David's embarrassing behaviors. But the

summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere  
Scholastic Inc.

Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has

Alzheimer's Disease.

*Hot Rod Hamster and the Wacky Whatever Race!*  
Scholastic Inc.

New York Times bestselling sportswriter John Feinstein exposes the real "March Madness"—behind the scenes at the Final Four basketball tournament. When Stevie wins a writing contest for aspiring sports journalists, his prize is a press pass to the Final Four in New Orleans. While exploring the Superdome, he overhears a plot to throw the championship game.

With the help of fellow contest winner Susan Carol, Stevie has just 48 hours to figure out who is blackmailing one of the star players . . . and why. John Feinstein has been praised as “the best writer of sports books in America today” (The Boston Globe), and he proves it again in this fast-paced novel. “A page-turning thriller and a basketball junkie’s bonanza.” —USA Today  
*Because of the Rabbit* (Scholastic Gold) Anchor  
 “Cleverly blends a coming-of-age tale, the

story of a long-simmering mystery, and a thoughtful study of relationships between childhood friends.” —Publishers Weekly Named a Best Book of Summer by PopSugar, Coastal Living, Family Circle, and The Globe & Mail Laura and Casey were once inseparable: floating on their backs in the sunlit lake, dreaming about the future under starry skies, teaming up for the wild scavenger hunts in their California lakeside town. Until one summer night, when a shocking betrayal

sent Laura running through the pines, down the dock, and into a new life, leaving Casey and a first love in her wake. Now, after seventeen years, Laura is pulled home and into a reunion with Casey she can’t resist—one last scavenger hunt. With a twist: this time, the clues lead to the settings of their most cherished summer memories. From glistening Jade Cove to the vintage skating rink, each step they take becomes a bittersweet reminder of the friendship



they once shared. But just as the game brings Laura and Casey back together, the clues unravel a stunning secret that threatens to tear them apart . . . From the author of *Summer Hours* and *Lady Sunshine*, *The Summer List* is about losing and recapturing the person who understands you best—and the unbreakable bonds of girlhood. “A sparkling debut novel filled with nostalgia that will make you long for your childhood friends and carefree summer days.”

—PopSugar “A vivid sense of place and characters as real as your high school besties . . . sure to please fans of Kristin Hannah and Elin Hilderbrand.”

—Library Journal “A lovely debut . . . exploring themes of motherhood, daughterhood, and first love with tenderness and humor. The writing is fresh and charming.”

—Booklist (starred review) “With lovable characters and a scenic small town, Doan’s pleasant mix of mystery and high school nostalgia will please readers who grew up with

the novels of Judy Blume.”

—Publishers Weekly “An ideal summer read . . . compelling.” —The Oregonian

[The Summer List](#) Harvard Business Press

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

**Rules** Yearling

This Newbery Honor Book is a heartfelt and witty story about feeling different and finding

acceptance--beyond the rules. Rules joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life. Which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. She's spent years trying to teach David the rules from "a peach is not a funny-looking apple" to "keep your pants on in public" -- in order to head off David's embarrassing

behaviors. But the summer Catherine meets Jason, a surprising, new sort-of friend, and Kristi, the next-door friend she's always wished for, it's her own shocking behavior that turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?

Rules Harlequin

Follows Hamster and his friend Dog as they prepare for a birthday party.

*The Impossible Knife of Memory* Candlewick Press

Lenore is Cornelia's mother—and Cornelia's

fix-up project. What does it matter that Cornelia won't talk to anyone and is always stuck in the easiest English class at school, even though she's read more books than anyone else? She feels strong in the fixing. She cooks vegetable soup so Lenore will eat something other than Ring Dings; she lures her out of bed with strong coffee and waffles. She looks after the house when Lenore won't get out of bed at all. So when Lenore and her boyfriend take off for Vegas leaving Cornelia

behind with eccentric Aunt Agatha, all Cornelia can do is wait for her to come back. Aunt Agatha sure doesn't want any fixing. Maybe this time it's Cornelia who could use it? *Happy Birthday, Hamster* Scholastic Inc.

From Newbery Honor Winner Cynthia Lord, a brilliant story about how to find home when everything around us is changing. Mia and her mom visit Grandma in Maine every summer, but this year Mia is going alone. Her mom will stay behind to get their house

ready to sell. It'll be a new start, she says, after the divorce. Mia doesn't want a new start. She'd rather everything just stayed the same! At least things will be the same at Grandma's, though. Mia will walk to town for ice cream, and wait by the water, watching for birds, just like always. Then Mia meets Grandma's know-it-all new neighbor, who's just her age. Cayman acts like he belongs at Grandma's house. He acts like he's the expert on everything. And when he and Mia spot an unusual

white bird of prey, he acts like it's his job to find out what it is. Unless, that is, Mia finds out first. And, in her effort to prove herself to him, she makes a decision that will change things for the town, for the bird, for Cayman, and even for herself. Can Mia stop what she's put into motion? Acclaimed author Cynthia Lord, with her trademark sensitivity, weaves her love of nature with a profound reflection on what it means to be at home in a changing world. [The Trouble with Twins](#) Hachette Australia

New York Times best-selling author Cynthia Leitich Smith turns to realistic fiction with the thoughtful story of a Native teen navigating the complicated, confusing waters of high school — and first love. When Louise Wolfe’s first real boyfriend mocks and disrespects Native people in front of her, she breaks things off and dumps him over e-mail. It’s her senior year, anyway, and she’d rather spend her time with her family and friends and working on the school newspaper.

The editors pair her up with Joey Kairouz, the ambitious new photojournalist, and in no time the paper’s staff find themselves with a major story to cover: the school musical director’s inclusive approach to casting *The Wizard of Oz* has been provoking backlash in their mostly white, middle-class Kansas town. From the newly formed Parents Against Revisionist Theater to anonymous threats, long-held prejudices are being laid bare and hostilities are

spreading against teachers, parents, and students — especially the cast members at the center of the controversy, including Lou’s little brother, who’s playing the Tin Man. As tensions mount at school, so does a romance between Lou and Joey — but as she’s learned, “dating while Native” can be difficult. In trying to protect her own heart, will Lou break Joey’s?

[The Buddha in the Attic](#)  
Scholastic Inc.

A group of sato puppies, homeless dogs of various

breeds from Puerto Rico, has arrived at the animal shelter, and second grade volunteer Suzannah immediately falls in love with one puppy, Paloma-- but it is her job to get the puppy ready for adoption, a separation that could easily break her heart.

*Hearts Unbroken*

Scholastic Inc.

Annemarie "Shug" Wilcox is clever and brave and true (on the inside anyway). And she's about to become your new best friend in this enchanting middle grade novel from the New York Times

bestselling author of *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* (soon to be a major motion picture!), Jenny Han. Annemarie Wilcox, or Shug as her family calls her, is beginning to think there's nothing worse than being twelve. She's too tall, too freckled, and way too flat-chested. Shug is sure that there's not one good or amazing thing about her. And now she has to start junior high, where the friends she counts most dear aren't acting so dear anymore -- especially Mark...

*Ancestor Approved*  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
USA

In this charming illustrated chapter book series by Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord, the Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect homes for animals in need!

Suzannah's always wanted a pet of her own, but she lives in an apartment where there are absolutely no pets allowed. What she CAN do is volunteer at a local pet shelter. There, although she's the youngest, Suzannah quickly finds

herself making friends with the kids and bonding with the animals. She makes toys and treats for the animals. She feeds the cats and plays with the puppies! Then a girl just her age brings a guinea pig named Jelly Bean to the shelter. Suzannah promises that she'll find the little creature the perfect home. But what if no one wants an abandoned guinea pig? Newbery Honor author Cynthia Lord has created a fun and heartwarming chapter

books series.  
**Unfolding Blink**  
 A beautiful story about one very ugly kid. Robert Hoge was born with a tumour in the middle of his face, and legs that weren't much use. There wasn't another baby like him in the whole of Australia, let alone Brisbane. But the rest of his life wasn't so unusual: he had a mum and a dad, brothers and sisters, friends at school and in his street. He had childhood scrapes and

days at the beach; fights with his family and trouble with his teachers. He had doctors, too: lots of doctors who, when he was still very young, removed that tumour from his face and operated on his legs, then stitched him back together. He still looked different, though. He still looked ... ugly. UGLY is the true story of how an extraordinary boy grew up to have an ordinary life, and how that became his greatest achievement of all.

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