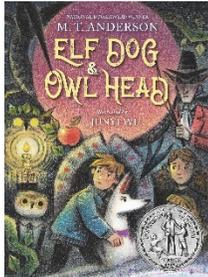


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Nominations List 2025-2026

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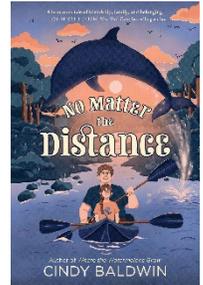
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## Elf Dog and Owl Head

M.T. Anderson

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Cindy Baldwin

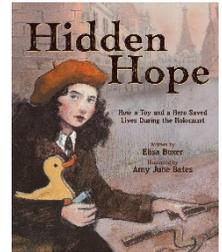
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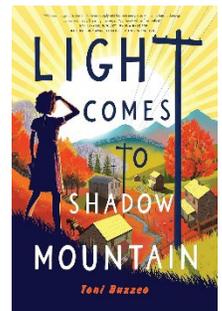
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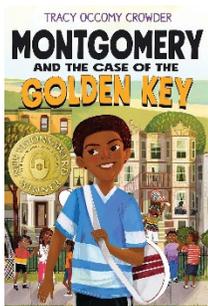
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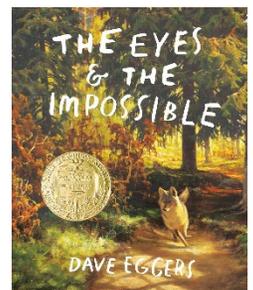
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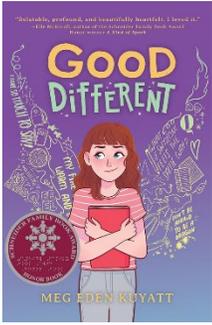
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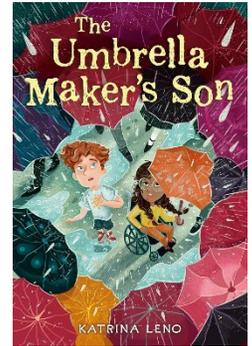
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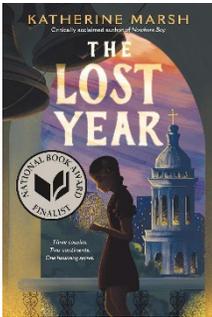
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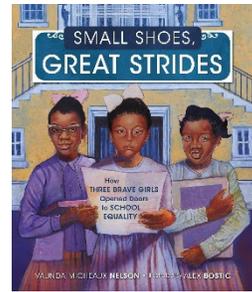
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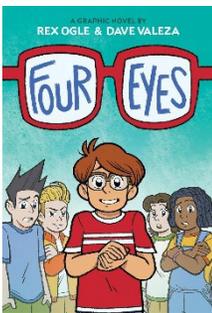
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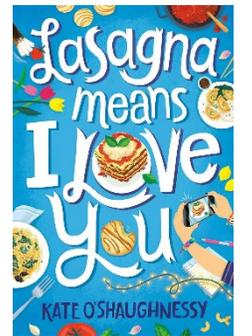
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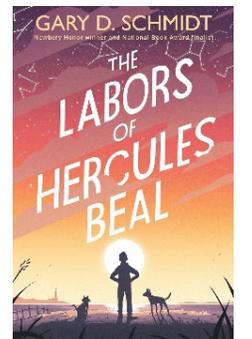
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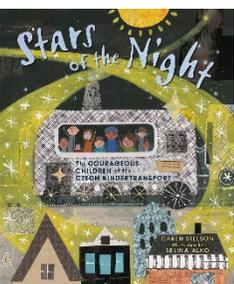
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