Instead he finds himself in the middle of a real murder mystery!

**The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read** by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
Grades 3+
A picture book biography about the inspiring life of Mary Walker who learned to read at the age of 116. Mary faced many hardships in her long life but she never gave up on her dream of learning how to read. Nonfiction Picture Book.

**On These Magic Shores** by Yamile Saied Mendez
Grades 4+
Minerva is trying out for her middle school’s production of Peter Pan when her mother goes missing. Minerva must find out what has happened to her mother, and she is now responsible for taking care of her two younger sisters. But it seems like a little bit of magic is helping Minerva along the way! Fantasy.

**Packs: Strength in Numbers** by Hannah Salyer
Grades 3+
Did you know an animal might live in a pod, an army, or a pack? This picture book shows how animal groupings not only have different names, but they also serve to help the animals work together as a team to take care of each other and survive. Nonfiction Picture Book.

**A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart** by Zetta Elliott
Grades 3+
A poem expressing a child’s emotions as he deals with a tragedy in his neighborhood. The young boy experiences many different feelings throughout the year, including joy and hope in himself and his community. Poetry Picture Book.

**Shirley & Jamila Save Their Summer** by Gillian Goerz
Grades 3+
When ten-year-olds Shirley and Jamila meet, Jamila is simply hoping for a friend in her new neighborhood, but Shirley is a detective and together they seek a missing gecko. Graphic Novel.

**Some Places More Than Others** by Renee Watson
Grades 4+
Amara visits her father’s family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected. Realistic Fiction.

**Stand Up, Yumi Chung** by Jessica Kim
Grades 4+
When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids’ comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part. Fiction.

**Willa and the Whale** by Chad Morris
Grades 4+
Twelve-year-old Willa, grieving the loss of her mother, a renowned marine biologist, discovers she can talk to whales. Fiction.

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