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The Whipping Boy Fire
Quill Publishers
While navigating his first
year of high school and
awaiting the birth of his
new baby brother, Scott
loses old friends and gains
some unlikely new ones
as he hones his skills as a
writer.
A Million Shades of

Gray Simon and Schuster
In rural Indiana in 1904,
fifteen-year-old Russell's
dreams of quitting school
and joining a wheat
threshing crew are
disrupted when his older
sister takes over the
teaching at his one-room
schoolhouse after mean
old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls
off and dies."
A Story of Angel Island
Simon and Schuster
The first hilarious story in
the New York Times

bestselling Magnolia Says
DON'T! series about a
charismatic kid who's got
a terrific knack for terrible
ideas! Note to self: If your
teacher tells you to bring
something from nature for
show-and-tell, she does
not want you to bring an
alligator! But nothing will
stop Magnolia, who's
determined to have the
best show-and-tell of all--
until her reptilian
rapscallion starts getting
her into some major

trouble. Now it's up to Magnolia to find a way to send this troublemaker home--but what could possibly scare an alligator away?

Firebolt Classroom

Complete Press

Atmospheric woodcuts illustrate this Newbery Award-winning collection of 19 South American folktales. Fables of talking animals, witches, giants, and ordinary people in supernatural settings provide insights into regional values and culture.

The Thing About Luck

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books

"Kadohata's slapshot is the heart-swelling narrative of a father and son...Truly powerful."

—Jason Reynolds "A deeply poignant story about a boy sorting out his priorities."
—Publishers Weekly (starred review) "A vivid, memorable portrayal of a boy within his family, his sport, and his gradually broadening world."

—Booklist (starred review)
From Newbery Medalist Cynthia Kadohata comes a brilliantly-realized novel

about a hockey player who must discover who he is without the sport that defines him. Hockey is Conor's life. His whole life. He'll say it himself, he's a hockey beast. It's his dad's whole life too—and Conor is sure that's why his stepmom, Jenny, left. There are very few things Conor and his dad love more than the game, and one of those things is their Doberman, Sinbad. When Sinbad is diagnosed with cancer, Conor chooses to put his hockey lessons and practices on hold so they

can pay for Sinbad's chemotherapy. But without hockey to distract him, Conor begins to notice more. Like his dad's crying bouts, and his friend's difficult family life. And then Conor notices one more thing: Without hockey, the one thing that makes him feel special, is he really special at all?

[A Study Guide for Cynthia Kadohata's "Kira-Kira"](#)

Atheneum Books for Young Readers
From Newbery Medalist and National Book Award-winning author

Cynthia Kadohata comes an irrepressible and heartwarming story about a girl and her ever-growing pig, Saucy—perfect for fans of *The One and Only Ivan* and *Flora & Ulysses*! Being a quadruplet can make it hard to stand out from the crowd. Becca's three brothers all have something that makes them...them. Jake has his music and dancing, Jammer plays hockey, and K.C. thinks they're all living in a simulation and doesn't see the point of doing much of anything.

Becca is the only one with nothing to make her special. But when she finds a tiny, sick piglet on the side of the road, Becca knows this is it. This is her thing. She names the piglet Saucy and between her own pleading and Saucy's sweet, pink face, Becca convinces her family to take her in. Soon, Saucy is as big a part of the family as anyone else—and getting bigger. With each pound Saucy gains, the more capable she becomes of destroying the house and landing

Becca in trouble. Some tough decisions need to be made about Becca's pet, and her search for solutions brings to light exactly where Saucy came from. Turns out, there are a lot more scared piglets out there, and saving them may take Becca and her brothers finally doing something together.

The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights First Second
Tiger Ann Parker wants nothing more than to get

out of the rural town of Saitter, Louisiana--far away from her mentally disabled mother, her "slow" father who can't read an electric bill, and her classmates who taunt her. So when Aunt Dorie Kay asks Tiger to spend the summer with her in Baton Rouge, Tiger can't wait to go. But before she leaves, the sudden revelation of a dark family secret prompts Tiger to make a decision that will ultimately change her life. Set in the South in the late 1950s, this coming-of-age novel explores a

twelve-year-old girl's struggle to accept her grandmother's death, her mentally deficient parents, and the changing world around her. It is a novel filled with beautiful language and unforgettable characters, and the importance of family and home. My Louisiana Sky is a 1998 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award Honor Book for Fiction.

Saucy Yearling Books
Dragons. Right. Teenage girls don't believe in fairy tales, and sixteen-year old Elena Watkins was no

different. Until the night a fairy tale killed her father. Now Elena's in a new world, and a new school. The cutest guy around may be an evil dragon, a Prince wants Elena's heart, and a long dead sorcerer may be waking up to kill her. Oh. And the only way Elena's going to graduate is on the back of a dragon of her own. Teenage girls don't believe in fairy tales. Now it's time for Elena to believe - in herself.

My Japanese Girlhood in Whitebread America
Heyday

When eleven-year-old Becca, a quadruplet, finds a sick piglet on the side of the road, her life is changed forever.

Simon and Schuster
Kira-Kira Simon and Schuster

The Zabime Sisters
Harper Collins

A Study Guide for Cynthia Kadohata's "Kira-Kira," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Literary Newsmakers for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical

context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Literary Newsmakers for Students for all of your research needs.

Kira-Kira Penguin

Drawing on Anderson's own writings and other first-person accounts, this book shows how the singer pursued her art in the context of the social and political climate of the day.

A Bird on Water Street
Simon and Schuster

"This reproducible study guide to use in

conjunction with the novel Kira-Kira consists of lessons for guided reading. Written in chapter-by-chapter format, the guide contains a synopsis, pre-reading activities, vocabulary and comprehension exercises, as well as extension activities to be used as follow-up to the novel."--

For the Teacher

Crispin: The Cross of Lead - Literature Kit

Gr. 7-8 Open Road Media 'Kouun is "good luck" in Japanese, and one year my family had none of it.' Just when Summer thinks

nothing else can possibly go wrong, an emergency whisks her parents away to Japan, right before harvest season. But the mortgage has to be paid, and so Summer's grandparents are going to help with harvest instead - taking Summer, her little brother Jaz and their dog Thunder with them.

Obaachan and Jiichan are... well, they're old fashioned, and demanding. Between helping Obaachan cook for the workers, covering for her when her back pain worsens, and

worrying about her little brother, who can't seem to make any friends, Summer has her hands full. Then one of the boys who Summer has known forever starts paying extra attention to her. But what begins as a welcome distraction from the hard work soon turns into a mess of its own... and once again Summer ends up disappointing Obaachan. But that's the thing about luck - bad luck can always get worse. And when that happens, Summer has to figure out how to change

it and save her family, even if it means further displeasing Obaachan. Surely kouun is coming soon...?

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy Simon and Schuster

This novel explores human relationships in a Los Angeles of the future, where rich and poor are deeply polarized and where water, food, gas and education cannot be taken for granted.

The Life She Was Given
Classroom Complete Press
A kid who considers himself an epic fail

discovers the transformative power of love when he deals with adoption in this novel from Cynthia Kadohata, winner of the Newbery Medal (Kira-Kira) and the National Book Award (The Thing About Luck). Eleven-year-old Jaden is adopted, and he knows he's an "epic fail." That's why his family is traveling to Kazakhstan to adopt a new baby—to replace him, he's sure. And he gets it. He is incapable of stopping his stealing, hoarding, lighting fires, aggressive running, and

obsession with electricity. He knows his parents love him, but he feels...nothing. When they get to Kazakhstan, it turns out the infant they've traveled for has already been adopted, and literally within minutes are faced with having to choose from six other babies. While his parents agonize, Jaden is more interested in the toddlers. One, a little guy named Dimash, spies Jaden and barrels over to him every time he sees him. Jaden finds himself increasingly intrigued by and worried

about Dimash. Already three years old and barely able to speak, Dimash will soon age out of the orphanage, and then his life will be as hopeless as Jaden feels now. For the first time in his life, Jaden actually feels something that isn't pure blinding fury, and there's no way to control it, or its power. From camels rooting through garbage like raccoons, to eagles being trained like hunting dogs, to streets that are more pothole than pavement, the vivid depictions in *Half a World Away* create "an

inspiring story that celebrates hope and second chances" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). *A Comedy in Three Parts* Simon and Schuster A GREAT GROUP READS Selection of the Women's National Book Association and National Reading Group Month A GOODREADS Best of the Month Selection "A powerful, poignant novel." —In Touch, Grade A From the internationally bestselling author of *The Orphan Collector* comes a beautifully written and

moving tale of family secrets and the importance of a mother's love—and how it can shape a life—even in the most shocking ways. A painful saga of strength and reinvention perfect for fans of Jojo Moyes and Lisa Wingate—set in two different times, as two young women come of age and uncover the mysteries of their families, and find their own ways in the world... On a summer evening in 1931, Lilly Blackwood glimpses circus lights from the grimy window of

her attic bedroom. Lilly isn't allowed to explore the meadows around Blackwood Manor. She's never even ventured beyond her narrow room. Momma insists it's for Lilly's own protection, that people would be afraid if they saw her. But on this unforgettable night, Lilly is taken outside for the first time—and sold to the circus sideshow. More than two decades later, nineteen-year-old Julia Blackwood has inherited her parents' estate and horse farm. For Julia, home was an unhappy

place full of strict rules and forbidden rooms, and she hopes that returning might erase those painful memories. Instead, she becomes immersed in a mystery involving a hidden attic room and photos of circus scenes featuring a striking young girl. At first, The Barlow Brothers' Circus is just another prison for Lilly. But in this rag-tag, sometimes brutal world, Lilly discovers strength, friendship, and a rare affinity for animals. Soon, thanks to elephants Pepper and Jojo and their

handler, Cole, Lilly is no longer a sideshow spectacle but the circus's biggest attraction...until tragedy and cruelty collide. It will fall to Julia to learn the truth about Lilly's fate and her family's shocking betrayal, and find a way to make Blackwood Manor into a place of healing at last. Moving between Julia and Lilly's stories, Ellen Marie Wiseman portrays two extraordinary, very different women in a novel that, while tender and heartbreaking, offers moments of joy and

indomitable hope.

“Perfect for book clubs and readers who admired Sara Gruen’s *Like Water for Elephants*.” —Library Journal, STARRED REVIEW
 “A vibrant maze of desires.” —ForeWord Reviews
 “Seamlessly blends mystery and history with compelling and well-researched details.” —The Historical Novels Review
 “Vividly drawn and complex...Fans of Karen White and Sara Gruen will be drawn in by the drama and mystery of Wiseman’s novel.”
 —BookPage

The Teacher's Funeral

Annick Press
 CRACKER IS ONE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S MOST VALUABLE WEAPONS: a German shepherd trained to sniff out bombs, traps, and the enemy. The fate of entire platoons rests on her keen sense of smell. She's a Big Deal, and she likes it that way. Sometimes Cracker remembers when she was younger, and her previous owner would feed her hot dogs and let her sleep in his bed. That was nice, too. Rick Hanski is headed to Vietnam.

There, he's going to whip the world and prove to his family and his sergeant -- and everyone else who didn't think he was cut out for war -- wrong. But sometimes Rick can't help but wonder that maybe everyone else is right. Maybe he should have just stayed at home and worked in his dad's hardware store. When Cracker is paired with Rick, she isn't so sure about this new owner. He's going to have to prove himself to her before she's going to prove herself to him. They

need to be friends before they can be a team, and they have to be a team if they want to get home alive. Told in part through the uncanny point of view of a German shepherd, *Cracker!* is an action-packed glimpse into the Vietnam War as seen through the eyes of a dog and her handler. It's an utterly unique powerhouse of a book by the Newbery Medal-winning author of *Kira-Kira*.

Al Capone Does My Shirts Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

While growing up in Versailles, an Indiana farm community, Linda Furiya tried to balance the outside world of Midwestern America with the Japanese traditions of her home life. As the only Asian family in a tiny township, Furiya's life revolved around Japanese food and the extraordinary lengths her parents went to in order to gather the ingredients needed to prepare it. As immigrants, her parents approached the challenges of living in America, and maintaining

their Japanese diets, with optimism and gusto. Furiya, meanwhile, was acutely aware of how food set her apart from her peers: She spent her first day of school hiding in the girls' restroom, examining her rice balls and chopsticks, and longing for a Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich. *Bento Box in the Heartland* is an insightful and reflective coming-of-age tale. Beautifully written, each chapter is accompanied by a family recipe of mouth-watering Japanese comfort food.

Tales from Silver Lands
Sourcebooks, Inc.
The Newbery Honor Book
and New York Times
Bestseller that is historical
fiction with a hint of
mystery about living at
Alcatraz not as a prisoner,
but as a kid meeting some
of the most famous
criminals in our history. Al
Capone Does My Shirts
has become an instant
classic for all kids to read!
Today I moved to
Alcatraz, a twelve-acre
rock covered with cement,
topped with bird turd and
surrounded by water. I'm
not the only kid who lives

here. There are twenty-
three other kids who live
on the island because
their dads work as guards
or cooks or doctors or
electricians for the prison,
like my dad does. And
then there are a ton of
murderers, rapists, hit
men, con men, stickup
men, embezzlers,
connivers, burglars,
kidnappers and maybe
even an innocent man or
two, though I doubt it. The
convicts we have are the
kind other prisons don't
want. I never knew
prisons could be picky,
but I guess they can. You

get to Alcatraz by being
the worst of the worst.
Unless you're me. I came
here because my mother
said I had to. A Newbery
Honor Book A New York
Times Bestseller A People
magazine "Best kid's
Book" An ALA Book for
Young Adults An ALA
Notable Book A School
Library Journal Best Book
of the Year A Krikus
Reviews Editor's Choice A
San Francisco Chronicle
Best Book of the Year A
Publishers Weekly Best
Book of the Year A
Parents' Choice Silver
Honor Book A New York

Public Library "100 Titles for Reading and Sharing" Selection A New York Public Library Best Book for the Teen Age
*"Choldenko's pacing is exquisite. . . . [A] great read."—Kirkus Reviews, starred review
*"Exceptionally atmospheric, fast-paced

and memorable!"—Publishers Weekly, starred review
*"The story, told with humor and skill, will fascinate readers."—School Library Journal, starred review
"Al is the perfect novel for a young guy or moll who digs books by Gordon

Korman, or Louis Sachar."—Time Out New York for Kids "Funny situations and plot twists abound!"—People magazine "Heartstopping in some places, heartrending in others, and most of all, it is heartwarming."—San Francisco Chronicle