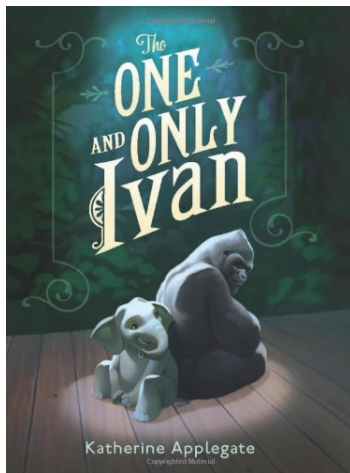


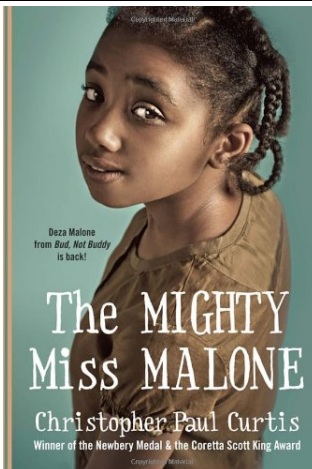
Angleberger, Tom. **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**. New York: Amulet Books, 2010.

Read this book, you must! Everyone thinks Dwight is weird because he does a lot of odd things, like wearing an origami Yoda puppet on his finger. Things start to change when the Origami Yoda begins to predict the future. His advice works, and everyone has lots of questions for him. Does he really have a connection to the force?



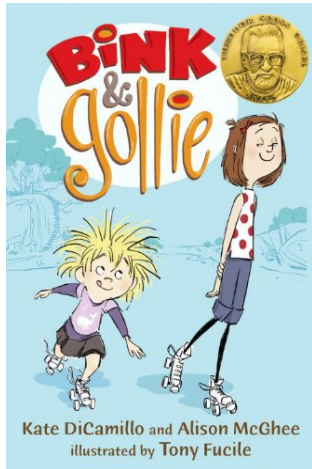
Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan**. New York: Harper Collins, 2012.

Ivan has been performing in a mall circus for 27 years. His dull domain is made of glass, rusty metal, and cement. He passes time by creating art and talking with his friends, Stella, an elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. Things change for Ivan when Ruby, a young elephant, arrives. Ivan knows he must do something to give Ruby a better life than his own.



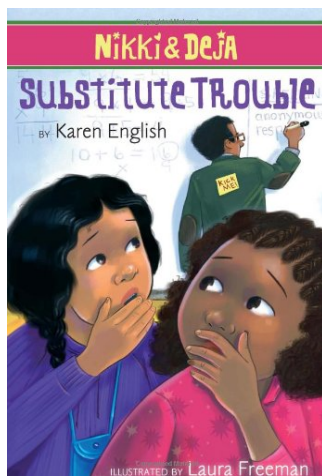
Curtis, Christopher Paul. **The Mighty Miss Malone**. New York: Random House, 2012.

Meet Deza. She is tough, smart, and funny, and she sometimes bends the rules. She looks out for her family and for her best friend, Clarice. All of these qualities help Deza face the hard times and challenges of the Great Depression.



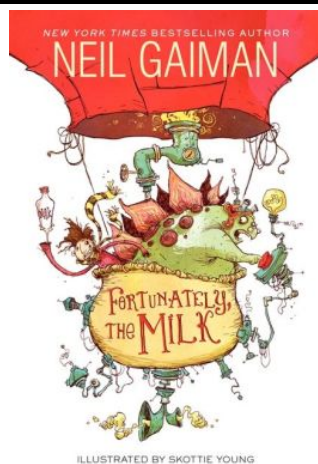
DiCamillo, Kate & McGhee, Alison. **Bink & Gollie**. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2010.

Bink and Gollie are best friends. They don't have much in common, except liking pancakes and roller-skating. They sometimes argue with each other too. What they both enjoy is having a blast together. Their roller skating adventures will make you laugh.



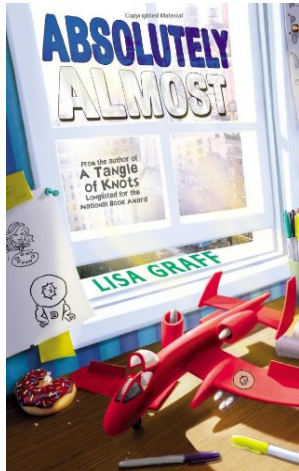
English, Karen. **Nikki & Deja: Substitute Trouble**. New York: Clarion Books, 2013.

Do you know how to act when there is a substitute teacher? Nikki and Deja do, and it does not involve pretending to be someone else or throwing spitballs. To bring back order, they decide to take matters into their own hands. However, when some of their classmates decide to put a "kick me" note on the substitute's back, things only get much worse.



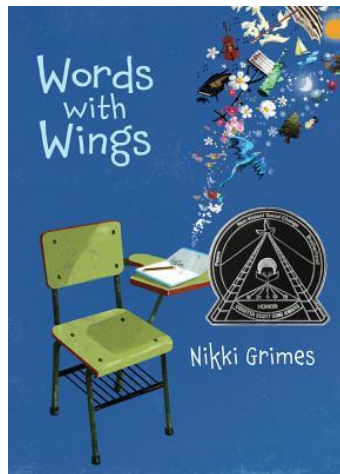
Gaiman, Neil. **Fortunately, The Milk**. MP3 Audiobook. Narrated by the author. New York: Harper Collins, 2013.

Got milk? Drink it up before reading this book. Pirates, ponies, aliens, dinosaurs, vampires, sharks, time travel, and lots more await you in this fun story. And it's all because there is no milk for breakfast. Wild things happen when Dad is in charge!



Graff, Lisa. **Absolutely Almost.**  
New York: Philomel Books, 2014.

Spelling and math are difficult for Albie. Making friends at his new school is hard for him too. He tries learning how to act like the cool kids, but that's so confusing. Not everything goes well for Albie, but he shows us how being yourself is sometimes the best thing to do.



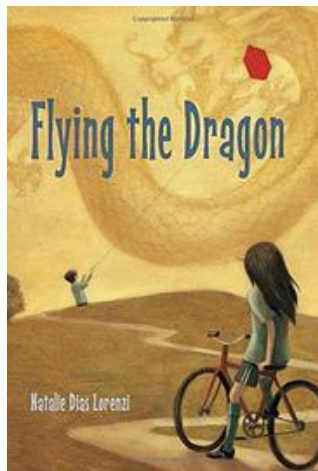
Grimes, Nikki. **Words with Wings.**  
Honesdale, PA: WordSong, 2013.

Gabby is a daydreamer. She hopes the kids at her new school think daydreaming is cool. At her last school, the kids just thought she was weird. She tries hard to focus on her studies, but for Gabby words have wings that carry her thoughts away.



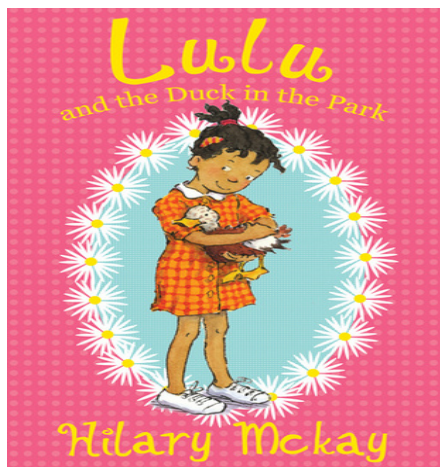
Korman, Gordon. **Ungifted.** New York: Harper Collins, 2012.

Donovan is a troublemaker, and he is good at it. When one of his pranks makes a big, big mess, he knows he is in big, big trouble. That's why he's relieved when a mix-up sends him to a brainy program for gifted students. It's the perfect place to hide! But it doesn't take long for others to wonder about Donovan's "gifts."



Lorenzi, Natalie Dias. **Flying the Dragon**. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2012.

Life is filled with challenges. Some are harder than others, like moving somewhere new and not speaking the language. Cousins Hiroshi and Skye face many challenges in this book. They must give up dreams they don't want to give up. Most of all, they must learn to trust each other to try to win a competition that means a great deal to both of them.



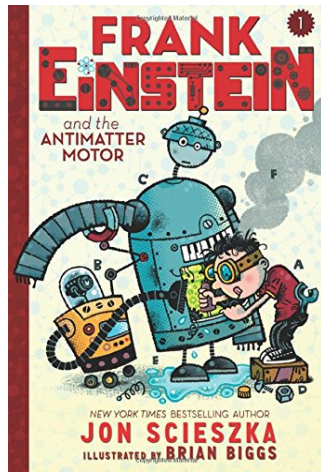
McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Duck in the Park**. Chicago: Albert Whitman, 2012.

Animals matter more to Lulu than anything else, but her teacher does not feel the same way. One day, when Lulu's class goes to the park, two wild dogs appear and chase a group of ducks and smash their nests. Lulu grabs one of the duck eggs. She knows not to bring pets to school, but an egg is not a pet.



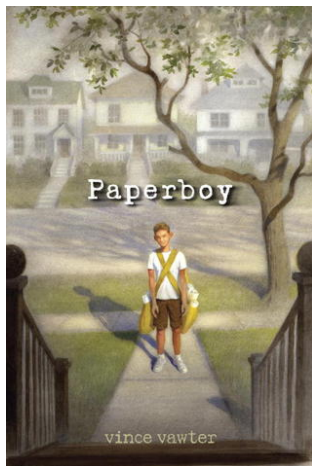
Rose, Caroline Starr. **May B**. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2012.

May never gives up! She wants to be a teacher even though her classmates make fun of her reading ability. This strength is needed while helping out on a neighbor's homestead. After she is abandoned, and a blizzard sweeps through the prairie, she needs courage too.



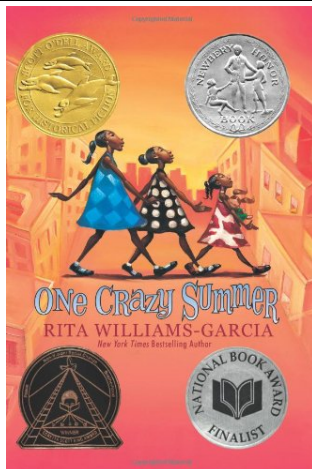
Scieszka, Jon. **Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor**. New York: Amulet Books, 2014.

The Midville Science Fair is fast approaching. Child genius and inventor, Frank Einstein, must win the prize to save his grandfather's Fix It shop. Fortunately, Frank has help from his assistant, Watson, and two zany robots. Things seem to be going well, but Einstein's rival, T. Edison and his chimpanzee assistant have plans of their own.



Vawter, Vince. **Paperboy**. New York: Delacorte Press, 2013.

Victor is good at many things such as baseball, typing and writing poetry. He loves words, even though his stutter keeps him from saying words. He thinks that because he can't speak clearly, people believe he can't think clearly. When he takes over his best friend's paper route, he worries about talking with customers. Talking will be the least of his worries.



Williams-Garcia, Rita. **One Crazy Summer**. New York: Harper Collins, 2010.

Eleven-year-old Delphine is always in charge of her two younger sisters. Her mother left the three girls years ago. When her father decides to fly them across the country (alone) to meet their mother, Delphine wonders what to expect. Little does she know how much things will change for everyone.