

A Drowned Maiden's Hair: A Melodrama

Erin's new adopted brother has ruined everything—but there are scarier things than having to share the spotlight in this “compelling summertime adventure.” (School Library Journal). Erin enjoyed being Erin Lindsay, the much-loved only child of schoolteacher parents. Everything in her life was just he way she wanted it, until nine-year-old Cowper moved in. A musical prodigy, he was adopted by Erin's parents after his mother and father were killed in a car crash. Suddenly, Erin was no longer the center of attention. Her parents became obsessed with Cowper. Now Erin faces a long, lonely summer away from her friends and familiar surroundings. The Lindsays are renting an apartment in Milwaukee so Cowper can take piano lessons at the conservatory. Erin is crazed with boredom, until she meets senior citizen and medium Molly Panca . . . and experiences the scariest night of her life.

"Amongst the oil fumes and the briny dinge of the sea, greasy, tired, frustrated, I had a flash. Suddenly, I had it all figured out-the psychology of despots and CEOs. I figured that in order for civilization to exist, people have to stay in one place, and so it seems somehow natural that the evolution of society would be to create an illusion of motion where none exists. Faster cars. Faster editing. Increased sensory stimulation. But all the while we are actually sitting more and more still. The population is placated by the feeling of progress, when in reality they are imprisoned. Even if we feel or strive to be utterly irresponsible, we're still somehow doing ourjob." Carl Watson evokes his desolation angels with great empathy and care, but also with ruthless candor. He writes like someone who pushed himself to the wall, then pushed through it to the void and came back with stories to tell. Here he reclaims the Seventies, one of the more desolate of recent epochs, with the clarity of Proust, the balefulness of Bodenheim, and the raw honesty of an Iggy song. -John Strausbaugh, author of "Black Like You" and "Sissy Nation" "CW writes like he put his thumb in the air on some two-lane American highway that used to be an Indian Trail, where he got picked up by God. Like he has come back to the fire in the woods we have gathered around at the end of the world with our loved ones to tell us what he saw. -Andrew Huebner, author of "We Pierce," "American By Blood"and "East of Bovery" With prose unfurling like cigarette smoke bleeding into that cloud of half-forgotten memories forever shadowing missed opportunities that hangs over a noonday dive somewhere during the twilight of the last blown century, heartbreak rock-n-roll on the radio crackling in exquisite precision between am stations and windswept interstates, Carl Watson daydreams before silent black-and-white televisions in SRO lobbies or as he drinks himself sober in crumbling Chicago tenements. "Backwards the Drowned Go Dreaming" explodes the bleary-eyed myth of the American road. -Donald Breckenridge, author of "This Young Girl Passing" Carl Watson's work is desolate poetry. He writes with sharp nostalgia for a past that really wasn't all that great. It feels like a stay in a down-and-out motel, but right on the other side of the paper-thin wall is transcendence. Watson never lets you forget that even in the most desperate situations, there is humor (even if it's mostly black) and greatness of the spirit. -Emily XYZ, "United States of Poetry"

Inspired by the true story of an African childhood lived on the edge of destitution, award-winning Elizabeth Laird's *The Garbage King* takes readers on an unforgettable emotional journey. When Mamó's mother dies, he is abandoned in the shanties of Addis Ababa. Stolen by a child-trafficker and sold to a farmer, he is cruelly treated. Escaping back to the city, he meets another, very different runaway. Dani is rich, educated - and fleeing his tyrannical father. Together they join a gang of homeless street boys who survive only by mutual bonds of trust and total dependence on each other.

Introducing the Sherlock Sam series by A.J. Low—a fresh, cross-cultural twist on the classic Sherlock Holmes stories, tailored for middle-grade readers. Set in iconic Singapore locations, the series follows the mystery-solving exploits of smart, observant, food-loving 10-year-old Samuel Tan Cher Lock (a.k.a. Sherlock Sam), Watson, his reluctant robot sidekick, and the rest of the Supper Club (a “scooby Doo gang,” of sorts) as they prove that mysteries are best solved through teamwork. In *Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom* in Katong, Auntie Kim Lian’s precious *Peranakan* cookbook disappears, and Sherlock Sam cannot eat her delicious *ayam buah keluak* anymore! Will Sherlock Sam be able to use his super detective powers to find this lost treasure? Praise: “A promising adventure series with *Super Sleuth Sherlock Sam!* His insatiable appetite to sample Singapore’s popular foods and never-give-up attitude to solving mysteries will keep readers glued till the last page.” –AdeLine Foo, author of the bestselling series *The Diary of Amos Lee* “A thrilling kid’s detective romp in the grand tradition of *Famous Five*, with a lovable robot and delicious *Peranakan* food!” –Ota Fong, author of *Sir Fong’s Adventures in Science* “*Sherlock Sam and Watson* are set to become one of Singapore’s favourite detective duos! Sam’s preoccupation with food struck a familiar chord with the Singaporean in me and Watson’s deadpan one-liners had me laughing out loud. What a fun-filled, food-filled adventure story! This is a delicious read that will certainly warm your heart like a good serving of *ayam buah keluak!*” –Emily Lim, award-winning author of *Tibby*, *the Tiger Bunny* and *Prince Bear & Pauper Bear* “*Watson* is a delightful creation. He follows a rich line of great robot companions from *Star War*’s R2D2 to *Star Trek*’s Data; no detective should leave home without one!” –Sonny Liaw, Eisner-nominated author of *Malinky Robot* “A genius kid detective would be good. A genius kid detective with a wise-acre robot sidekick is even better. Add a wicked sense of humor and you’ve one of the sharpest, funniest books you’ll read all year.” –Hal Johnson, author of *Immortal Lycanthropes* “This book will definitely draw you in with its twists and turns that will leave you guessing with each turn of the page who the culprits are. There are also many funny lines from Watson that will cause you to burst out in laughter.” –Sew Kai Lun, *S*ingapore’s Child “A clever, entertaining and funny children’s novel...a promising start to a new book series [with] bold and whimsical illustrations by *drawscape*” –Tina Gan, *Red Dot Diva* “This debut local novel is rich (in local references) and satisfying (as a mystery story).” –Stephani Yeo, *Young Parents* “*BOTH* boys were clamouring to read the book first, so I was left with no choice but to read the book *TOGETHER* with the both of them...I found it to be utterly captivating enough to make me want to complete the book in one sitting...the localized dialogue is hilariously tongue-in-cheek and the book’s subtle appeal to a child’s instinct for the mysterious proved to be just what kept both Ash and Ayd deeply intrigued.” –Kelvin Ang, *Cheekiemonkies* “A.J. Low have created an intriguing tale which would keep young readers eager to find out what happens next, while subtly documenting old-school landmarks such as Chin Mee Chin Confectionery and Katong Antique House. Looks set to be a betseller.” –Clara Chow, *My Paper* “I like this book because it leaves you with questions in your mind which make you want to keep reading.” –Greta Roberts, 9, in *Expat Living Singapore*

The Scariest Night

A Novel

Out of My Mind

A Personal History in Twelve Songs

In 1906, sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiance, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. Based on a true story.

Krystal Ball of Queens, New York, is looking forward to her tenth birthday party, but she is worried that nobody will come because her psychic dreams make her seem weird—then a flood in her friend Billy's apartment damages her apartment and it looks like the party will never happen.

In France during World War I, four French children learn about honesty, loyalty, and courage from an English army deserter who tells them a series of stories related to his small, silver donkey charm.

Jack's dad is the new caretaker for the Dareville Community Theater. Jack is not looking forward to living in the rundown theater. To make matters worse, a ghost visits him on the very first day. The ghost promises to haunt Jack until he helps solve the mystery of his disappearance. What will Jack discover is the answer to the ghost's disappearance? The ending is Up2U. Aligned to Common Core Standards and correlated to state standards. Calico is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO.

Letters From Wolfie

Beyond the Grave: An Up2U Mystery Adventure

Dream Birthday

Princess Cora and the Crocodile

Mable Riley

Sean gets his chance at stardom, but a Hollywood jinx stands in his way A movie is being filmed in Redoaks, and Sean Quinn wants to be a part of it. The movie is called New Guy in Town, and it stars famous child actors Dakota Wayne and Justin Moore. The director needs someone to serve as Justin’s stand-in on the set, and when he sees Sean, he knows he’s found the right boy. Sean may not end up on screen, but he is going to be part of a movie! That is, if the movie ever gets made. Hollywood insiders have been whispering from the start that New Guy in Town is jinxed. The production moved to Redoaks after fires, theft, and injuries derailed the original attempt to film in Hollywood. And as the filmmakers try to get back on track, the jinx keeps rearing its ugly head. To make sure he gets his shot at the big time, Sean and his brother Brian will have to find out who’s behind the accidents before the cameras roll.

A tour-de-force by rising indy comics star Gene Yang, American Born Chinese tells the story of three apparently unrelated characters: Jin Wang, who moves to a new neighborhood with his family only to discover that he’s the only Chinese-American student at his new school; the powerful Monkey King, subject of one of the oldest and greatest Chinese fables; and Chin-kee, a personification of the ultimate negative Chinese stereotype, who is ruining his cousin Danny’s life with his yearly visits. Their lives and stories come together with an unexpected twist in this action-packed modern fable. American Born Chinese is an amazing ride, all the way up to the astonishing climax. American Born Chinese is a 2006 National Book Award Finalist for Young People’s Literature, the winner of the 2007 Eisner Award for Best Graphic Album: New, an Eisner Award nominee for Best Coloring and a 2007 Bank Street – Best Children’s Book of the Year. This title has Common Core Connections

A Drowned Maiden's HairA MelodramaCandlewick Press

Watch out, you diabolical masterminds! There's a new detective on Pancake Court: Bean! She laughs at danger! She solves even the most mysterious mysteries! What? There aren't any mysteries? Then Bean and her assistant, Ivy, will make some! Includes bonus material! – A guide to becoming a detective and finding your own mysteries to solve!

Voices from a Medieval Village

Boneshaker

Ivy and Bean Take the Case

Clara and the Chupacabra

A Tale Dark & Grimm

Princess Cora is bored with her routines of life, so she asks her fairy godmother to help.

The Newbery Medal-winning author of Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! gives readers a virtuoso performance in verse in this profoundly original epic pitched just right for fans of poetry, history, mythology, and fantasy. Welcome to ancient Greece as only genius storyteller Laura Amy Schlitz can conjure it. In a warlike land of wind and sunlight, “ringed by a restless sea,” live Rhaskos and Melisto, spiritual twins with little in common beyond the violent and mysterious forces that dictate their lives. A Thracian slave in a Greek household, Rhaskos is as common as clay, a stable boy worth less than a donkey, much less a horse. Wrenched from his mother at a tender age, he nurtures in secret, aided by Socrates, his passions for art and philosophy. Melisto is a spoiled aristocrat, a girl as precious as amber but willful and wild. She’ll marry and be tamed—the curse of all highborn girls—but risk her life for a season first to serve Artemis, goddess of the hunt. Bound by destiny, Melisto and Rhaskos—Amber and Clay—never meet in the flesh. By the time they do, one of them is a ghost. But the thin line between life and death is just one boundary their unlikely friendship crosses. It takes an army of snarky gods and fearsome goddesses, slaves and masters, mothers and philosophers to help shape their story into a gorgeously distilled, symphonic tour de force. Blending verse, prose, and illustrated archeological “artifacts,” this is a tale that vividly transcends time, an indelible reminder of the power of language to illuminate the over- and underworlds of human history.

When Stu hears a voice calling him late at night, follows it to the haunted house down the road, and sees the ghost of a boy who was murdered fifty years before, he feels compelled to find out why the ghost is reaching out to him—even if it means risking his own life.

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

A Reliable Record of Humdrum, Pencil, and Romance

Kneeknock Rise

A Novel of the Clockwork Century

The Hired Girl

Splendors and Glooms

Clara and Rich were excited about the chance to explore the old, abandoned ghost town. But they'd barely begun to walk the town's streets when they heard a strange voice whisper. "Get out." It was a warning they should have listened to, especially before they went into the dark, abandoned gold mine.

Mark's dog Wolfie is part malamute, part German shepherd, and all heart. Mark can hardly imagine life without his big, loving canine companion. But in 1969, the Vietnam War is still raging, and when Mark learns that the army needs scent dogs, he decides to send Wolfie. As his dad says, a smart dog like Wolfie could save a lot of soldiers—soldiers like Mark's brother, Danny. Besides, it seems like the patriotic thing to do. Inspired by real events, this is a heartbreaking story about sacrifice, loyalty, and the complex meanings of patriotism.

Clara disappears on her birthday. Exceptionally wealthy and exceptionally lonely, she requested that a puppeteer and his two orphan helpers stage a spellbinding show for her in the vast empty house. But then the curtains close and darkness falls ... The puppeteer, Grisini, kidnaps Clara and uses his sinister powers to imprison her body and mind in the form of a marionette. His two young assistants realise what has happened, and all three children find themselves caught up in a terrible struggle for supernatural eminence between Grisini and a dying witch of extraordinary power. The bewitching and brilliant magical adventure Fire Spell, published in the USA as Splendors and Glooms, was awarded the Newbery Medal Honor and is a New York Times bestseller.

In the early days of the Civil War, rumors of gold in the Frozen Klondike brought hordes of newcomers to the Pacific Northwest. Anxious to compete, Russian prospectors commissioned inventor Leviticus Blue to create a great machine that could mine through Alaska's ice. This was Dr. Blue's Incredible Bone-Shaking Drill Engine born. But on its first test run the Boneshaker went terribly awry, destroying several blocks of downtown Seattle and unearthing a subterranean vein of blight gas that turned anyone who breathed it into the living dead. Now it is sixteen years later, and a wall has been built to enclose the devastated and toxic city. Just beyond it lives Blue's widow, Briar Wilkes. Life is hard with a ruined reputation and a teenaged boy to support, but she and Ezekiel are managing. Until Ezekiel undertakes a secret crusade to rewrite history. His quest will take him under the wall and into a city teeming with ravenous undead, air pirates, criminal overlords, and heavily armed refugees. And only Briar can bring him out alive. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Gershwins and Me

book one

The Bearskinner

Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong

Subotage on the Set

Noodle and Zeek love danger, but when a real adventure comes their way, will they be ready? Best friends Noodle and Zeek are among the first in line when a new store, Danger Guy, opens in their local mall. It has all the survival gear the boys could dream of, and their excitement is lessened only when they notice two big, angry men yelling at the owner. When Noodle and Zeek wander into a small room on the other side of the store, they're shut inside. That's when the two realize they're in the back of a truck heading out of town. After a terrifying ride, Noodle and Zeek arrive at an ancient temple full of treasures. There they discover that their kidnappers are the two men from the store, and the boys are not the only ones who have been captured. The Emersons, a famous husband-and-wife explorer team, are there too. It's up to Noodle and Zeek to rescue the prisoners and save the day—before they're trapped in the temple forever! Danger Guys is the 1st book in Danger Guys, but you may enjoy reading the series in any order.

The Casebooks investigate accidents at an abandoned theater—where a ghost is the chief suspect! Ever since the new mall opened on the other side of Redoaks, the area around the historic Culbertson Theater has been abandoned. But when a local developer wants to bulldoze the area and turn it into a shopping center, someone inside the theater decides to take matters into his own hands—hands that may be alive or dead. After a sandbag falls on a building inspector's shoulder—the latest in a string of suspicious accidents—kid detectives Brian and Sean Quinn decide to investigate.

Sean's friend Sam suspects it is the work of the ghost of Horatio Hamilton, an actor who died in the theater decades before, but Miss Beery—the strange old woman who runs the theater—says that Horatio's ghost is too polite for such misbehavior. Someone is pulling these dangerous pranks, and Brian and Sean better find out fast—in case the next sandbag falls on a detective!

Up2U Adventureswhere the ending is Up2U! Dylan's creepy hobby is getting gravestone rubbings from the old cemetery. He thinks that one from Dr. Naper, Cedarvilles own Dr. Frankenstein, would make a perfect addition to his history project. Getting the rubbing is more difficult than Dylan thought! Will he and his history partner uncover the mystery of Dr. Naper? The ending is Up2U. Calico Chapter Books is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO Group. Grades 2-5.

Winner of the 2016 Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction A 2016 Association of Jewish Libraries Sydney Taylor Award Winner Winner of the 2016 National Jewish Book Award for Children’s and Young Adult Literature Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz brings her delicious wit and keen eye to early twentieth-century America in a moving yet comedic tour de force. Fourteen-year-old Joan Skraggs, just like the heroines in her beloved novels, yearns for real life and true love. But what hope is there for adventure, beauty, or art on a handscrabble farm in Pennsylvania where the work never ends? Over the summer of 1911, Joan poans her heart out into her diary as she seeks a new, better life for herself—because maybe, just maybe, a hired girl cleaning and cooking for six dollars a week can become what a farm girl could only dream of—a woman with a future. Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz relates Joan’s journey from the muck of the chicken coop to the comforts of a society household in Baltimore (Electricity! Carpet sweepers! Sending out the laundry!), taking readers on an exploration of feminism and housework; religion and literature; love and loyalty; cats, hats, and bunions.

Fire Spell

Book 10

Amber and Clay

How It Happened in Peach Hill

A Melodrama

A collection of short one-person plays featuring characters, between ten and fifteen years old, who live in or near a thirteenth-century English manor.

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER “Alex Michaelides’s long-awaited next novel, ‘The Maidens,’ is finally here...the premise is enticing and the elements irresistible.” –The New York Times “A deliciously dark, elegant, utterly compulsive read—with a twist that blew my mind. I loved this even more than I loved The Silent Patient and that’s saying something!” –Lucy Foley, New York Times bestselling author of The Guest List From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Silent Patient comes a spellbinding tale of psychological suspense, weaving together Greek mythology, murder, and obsession, that further cements “Michaelides as a major player in the field” (Publishers Weekly). Edward Fosca is a murderer. Of this Mariana is certain. But Fosca is untouchable.

A handsome and charismatic Greek tragedy professor at Cambridge University, Fosca is adored by staff and students alike—particularly by the members of a secret society of female students known as The Maidens. Mariana Andros is a brilliant but troubled group therapist who becomes fixated on The Maidens when one member, a friend of Mariana’s niece Zoe, is found murdered in Cambridge. Mariana, who was once herself a student at the university, quickly suspects that behind the idyllic beauty of the spires and turrets, and beneath the ancient traditions, lies something sinister. And she becomes convinced that, despite his alibi, Edward Fosca is guilty of the murder. But why would the professor target one of his students? And why does he keep returning to the rites of Persephone, the maiden, and her journey to the underworld? When another body is found, Mariana’s obsession with proving Fosca’s guilt spirals out of control, threatening to destroy her credibility as well as her closest relationships. But Mariana is determined to stop this killer, even if it costs her everything—including her own life.

From the moment young Egan arrives in Instep for the annual fair, he is entranced by the fable surrounding the misty peak of Kneeknock Rise: On stormy nights when the rain drives harsh and cold, an undiscovered creature raises its voice and moans. Nobody knows what it is—nobody has ever dared to try to find out and come back again. Before long, Egan is climbing the Rise to find an answer to the mystery. Kneeknock Rise is a 1971 Newbery Honor Book.

"People throw the word 'classic' about a lot, but A Drowned Maiden's Hair genuinely deserves to become one." – Wall Street Journal Maud Flynn is known at the orphanage for her impertinence, so when the charming Miss Hyacinth and her sister choose Maud to take home with them, the girl is as baffled as anyone. It seems the sisters need Maud to help stage elaborate séances for bereaved, wealthy patrons. As Maud is drawn deeper into the deception, playing her role as a "secret child," she is torn between her need to please and her growing conscience -- until a shocking betrayal makes clear just how heartless her so-called guardians are. Filled with tantalizing details of turn-of-the-century spiritualism and page-turning suspense, this lively historical novel features a winning heroine whom readers will not soon forget.

The Night Fairy

Backstage with a Ghost

Ghost Light Burning:

Danger Guys

A Deadly Fall

What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a young night fairy no taller than an acorn and still becoming accustomed to her wings — wings as beautiful as those of a luna moth — is about to find out. What she discovers is that the world is very big and very dangerous. But Flory is fierce and willing to do whatever it takes to survive. If that means telling others what to do — like Skuggie, a squirrel ruled by his stomach — so be it. Not every creature, however, is as willing to bend to Flory's demands. Newbery Medal winner Schlitz and world-renowned illustrator and miniaturist Angela Barrett venture into the realm of the illustrated tale — a classic entryold and exquisitely of their making, and a magnificent adventure.

Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz brings her sorcery to a Victorian gothic thriller — an enthralling, darkly comic tale that would do Dickens proud. The master puppeteer, Gaspare Grisini, is so expert at manipulating his stringed puppets that they appear alive. Clara Wintermute, the only child of a wealthy doctor, is spellbound by Grisini's act and invites him to entertain at her birthday party. Seeing his chance to make a fortune, Grisini accepts and makes a splendidly gaudy entrance with caravan, puppets, and his two orphaned assistants. Lizzie Rose and Parsefall by the Wintermute home. Clara seems to have everything they lack — adoring parents, warmth, and plenty to eat. In fact, Clara's life is shadowed by grief, guilt, and secrets. When Clara vanishes that night, suspicion of kidnapping falls upon the puppeteer and, by association, Lizzie Rose and Parsefall. As they seek to puzzle out Clara's whereabouts, Lizzie and Parse uncover Grisini's criminal past and wake up to his evil intentions. Fleeing London, they find themselves caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed if it's too late. Newbery Medal winner Laura Amy Schlitz's Victorian gothic is a rich banquet of dark comedy, scorching magic, and the brilliant and bewitching storytelling that is her trademark.

Winner of the 2005 TD Canadian Children's Literature Award It is 1901 and Mable Riley dreams of adventure and of becoming a writer. When her older sister leaves home to become a schoolmistress in the small town of Stratford, Ontario, Mable is sent along too. Mable hopes her new world will be full of peril and romance. But life at the Goodhand Farm (where the sisters board), is as humdrum as the one she's left behind. Then Mable encounters the mysterious Mrs. Rattle, a peculiar widow with a taste for upsetting the townspeople with her strange opinion on life. Mable eagerly accepts her invitation to a meeting of the Ladies Reading Society. But the ladies are not discussing books at all, and Mable may soon have more peril than she'd bargained for! Composed of the letters Mable sends home, the poems she writes for her classmates, and chapters from her own work-in-progress, Mable Riley is the funny, inspiring, (and reliable) record of a young girl finding her voice, and the courage to make it heard.

The year is 1924, the heyday of the revived Spiritualist movement. Fourteen-year-old Annie and her mother are successful purveyors of psychic chicanery; they move from town to town, cashing in on the Fad for clairvoyant guidance. When they arrive in Peach Hill, Annie is once again compelled into her part of the act. She has to pretend that she's the village idiot in order to more easily listen in on gossip that her mother can put to use as a fake seer. But something happens in Peach Hill. Annie's tired of missing school, drooling, and keeping her eyes crossed.

not the way to attract the kind of male attention she wants. She decides to drop the guise, but no sooner than she does, her mother comes up with a new scam. Now she's a faith healer and Annie's troubles have just begun. This is Marthe Jocelyn at the height of her powers as a novelist. How it Happened in Peach Hill is by turns funny, suspenseful, and heartbreaking as it explores the world of those who peddle hope and comfort for profit.

The Maidens

Backwards the Drowned Go Dreaming

A Northern Light

Tome of Beasts

A Drowned Maiden's Hair

Presents an illustrated tribute to the lives and legacies of the Gershwins that is presented through the stories of twelve of their most enduring songs including "Strike Up the Band" and "Love Is Here to Stay."

"Anyone with an interest in archaeology or in liars and braggarts will be drawn in by this slim biography of the hyper-imaginative Schliemann." – Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books (starred review) From Newbery Medal-winning author Laura Amy Schlitz comes an engaging illustrated biography of Heinrich Schliemann, a nineteenth-century archaeologist who most believe did find the ancient city of Troy. This engrossing tale paints a portrait of contradictions — a man at once stingy and lavishly generous, a scholar and a man with a funny habit of taking liberties with the truth. Laura Amy Schlitz and Robert Byrd open a discussion about how history sometimes comes to be written, and how it sometimes needs to be changed. Back matter includes source notes and a bibliography.

A retelling of the Grimm fairy tale in which a despondent soldier makes a pact to do the devil's bidding for seven years in return for as much money and property as he could ever want.

Angel Garret knows two things for sure. The first is that she inherited some of her dad's powers. The second is that she wreaks havoc whenever she tries to use them - especially when she's trying to impress her crush, Cole. Angel's only solution is to stay as far away as possible from him until she learns how to harness this new gift. But how can you manage to avoid someone and get him to ask you to the Turkey Ball at the same time?

The Hero Schliemann

The Dreamer Who Dug for Troy

Give Me Your Hand

The Garbage King

Terror at the Ghost Town Mine

A life-changing secret destroys an unlikely friendship in this "magnetic" (Meg Wolitzer) psychological thriller from the Edgar Award-winning author of Dare Me. You told each other everything. Then she told you too much. Kit has risen to the top of her profession and is on the brink of achieving everything she wanted. She hasn't let anything stop her. But now someone else is standing in her way - Diane. Best friends at seventeen, their shared ambition made them inseparable. Until the day Diane told Kit her secret - the worst thing she'd ever done, the worst thing Kit could imagine - and it blew their friendship apart. Kit is still the only person who knows what Diane did. And now Diane knows something about Kit that could destroy everything she's worked so hard for. How far would Kit go, to make the hard work, the sacrifice, worth it in the end? What wouldn't she give up? Diane thinks Kit is just like her. Maybe she's right. Ambition: it's in the blood. . .

A Drowned Maiden's Hair

In this mischievous and utterly original debut, Hansel and Gretel walk out of their own story and into eight other classic Grimm-inspired tales. As readers follow the siblings through a forest brimming with menacing foes, they learn the true story behind (and beyond) the bread crumbs, edible houses, and outwitted witches. Fairy tales have never been more irreverent or subversive as Hansel and Gretel learn to take charge of their destinies and become the clever architects of their own happily ever after.

On an adventure to Texas, the Monster Hunters learn that most Chupacabra sightings are thought to be coyotes with mange. Research shows them the damage these parasites can do to a coyote's coat. But is that the answer? When the team heads out one night to see for themselves, they get a surprise they never expected! Calico Chapter Books is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO.

The Silver Donkey

American Born Chinese

A Tale of the Brothers Grimm

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Dress

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!