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THE BOOK OF POLLY

A NOVEL

Penguin For readers of Saving CeeCee Honeycutt, Joshilyn Jackson, and Fannie Flagg, with a touch of Terms of Endearment A laugh-out-loud funny yet poignant novel about a daughter determined not only to keep her mother among the living but to find out the secrets of her long-buried past Willow Havens is ten years old and obsessed with the fear that her mother will die. Her mother, Polly, is a cantankerous, take-no-prisoners Southern woman who lives to shoot varmints, drink margaritas, and antagonize the neighbors--and she sticks out like a sore thumb among the young, modern mothers of their small conventional Texas town. She was in her late fifties when Willow was born, so Willow knows she's here by accident, a late-life afterthought. Willow's father died before she was born, her much older brother and sister are long grown and gone and failing elsewhere: it's just her and her bigger-than-life mom, Polly. Willow is desperately hungry for clues to the family life that preceded her, and Polly has her own secrets that she won't reveal. Why did she leave her hometown of Bethel, Louisiana, fifty years ago and vow never to return after a mysterious and terrible incident? Who is Garland Jones, her long-ago suitor who possibly killed a man? And will Polly be able to outrun The Bear, the illness that finally puts her on a collision course with her closely guarded past and a final trip back to Bethel that will end with them, like Huck Finn, riding a river raft back home? THE BOOK OF POLLY has a kick like the best hot sauce, and a great blend of humor and sadness, pathos and hilarity. This is a bittersweet novel about the grip of love in a truly quirky family and you'll come to know one of the most unforgettable mother-daughter duos you've ever met.

THE NEPTUNE PROJECT

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Nere has never understood why she feels so much more comfortable and confident in water than on land, but everything falls into place when Nere learns that she is one of a group of kids who --unbeknownst to them -- have been genetically altered to survive in the ocean. These products of "The Neptune Project" will be able to build a better future under the sea, safe from the barren country's famine, wars, and harsh laws. But there are some very big problems: no one asked Nere if she wanted to be a science experiment, the other Neptune kids aren't exactly the friendliest bunch, and in order to reach the safe haven of the Neptune colony, Nere and her fellow mutates must swim through hundreds of miles of dangerous waters, relying only on their wits, dolphins, and each other to evade terrifying undersea creatures and a government that will stop at nothing to capture the Neptune kids . . . dead or alive. Fierce battles and daring escapes abound as Nere and her friends race to safety in this action-packed aquatic adventure.

THE NEPTUNE CHALLENGE

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers Danger lurks beneath. . . . Genetically engineered to survive in the ocean, Nere and her friends are recovering from their treacherous journey to Safety Harbor, an undersea refuge founded by the scientists of the Neptune Project. But plenty of enemies prowl just outside the colony's boundaries, and when two of the children are kidnapped, Nere, her loyal dolphins, and the other Neptune kids must set out on an expedition even more perilous than their first. Tasked with infiltrating the kidnapper's high-tech undersea base, Nere soon discovers that rescuing the missing Neptune kids isn't all there is to her mission: the secret to saving the world's oceans is hidden somewhere deep inside this vast fortress, and she and her friends will have to risk everything to find it. With bloodthirsty shark mutates and savage kids roaming the corridors, will

Nere and her companions find a way to save their friends, themselves, and their underwater world? The stakes couldn't be higher in this thrilling sequel to the award-winning *The Neptune Project*. Praise for *The Neptune Project* 2016-2017 Sunshine State Young Readers Award winner 2014-2015 Texas Bluebonnet Master List Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award nominee Bank Street Best Children's Books of the Year, 2014 "Holyoke keeps her prose well-pitched to her audience . . . this suspenseful, undersea dystopia should keep middle schoolers hooked." --Kirkus Reviews "The book revels in the beauty of the underwater world and the creatures that inhabit it. The relationship between the teenagers and the dolphins -- who actually become characters themselves--is especially well crafted. *The Neptune Project* will attract male and female readers." -- VOYA

THE BOOK OF HIDDEN WONDERS

A NOVEL

Harlequin A charming, deeply imaginative debut novel about a young girl who is immortalized in her father's illustrated books containing clues to their family secrets. Romilly Kemp and her eccentric painter father have happy but sheltered lives in a ramshackle mansion in the English countryside. When her father finds fame with a series of children's books starring Romilly as the main character, everything changes: exotic foods appear on the table, her father appears on TV and strangers appear at their door, convinced the books will lead them to a precious prize. But as time passes, Romilly's father becomes increasingly suspicious of the outside world until, before her eyes, he begins to disappear within himself. She returns to his illustrations, looking for a way to connect with her ailing father, and finds a series of clues he's left just for her. This treasure hunt doesn't lead her to gold or jewels, but something worth far more—a shocking secret that is crucial to understanding her family. Written with tremendous heart and charisma, *The Book of Hidden Wonders* is an unforgettable story about growing up, facing mortality and discovering the hidden wonders that make us who we are.

I DARE YOU TO BE GREAT

DARK LULLABY

Titan Books (US, CA) For fans of *Black Mirror* and *The Handmaid's Tale*, a mother desperately tries to keep her family together in a society where parenting standards are strictly monitored. The world is suffering an infertility crisis, the last natural birth was over twenty years ago and now the only way to conceive is through a painful fertility treatment. Any children born are strictly monitored, and if you are deemed an unfit parent then your child is extracted. After witnessing so many struggling to conceive - and then keep - their babies, Kit thought she didn't want children. But then she meets Thomas and they have a baby girl, Mimi. Soon the small mistakes build up and suddenly Kit is faced with the possibility of losing her daughter, and she is forced to ask herself how far she will go to keep her family together.

THE HISTORY OF MR. POLLY

COPPER SUN

Simon and Schuster A Time Best YA Book of All Time (2021) In this "searing work of historical fiction" (Booklist), Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Sharon M. Draper tells the epic story of a young girl torn from her African village, sold into slavery, and stripped of everything she has ever known—except hope. Amari's life was once perfect. Engaged to the handsomest man in her tribe, adored by her family, and fortunate enough to live in a beautiful village, it never occurred to her that it could all be taken away in an instant. But that was what happened when her village was invaded by slave traders. Her family was brutally murdered as she was dragged away to a slave ship and sent to be sold in the Carolinas. There she was bought by a plantation owner and given to his son as a "birthday present". Now, survival is all Amari can dream about. As she struggles to hold on to her memories, she also begins to learn English and make friends with a white indentured servant named Molly. When an opportunity to escape presents itself, Amari and Molly seize it, fleeing South to the Spanish colony in Florida at Fort Mose. Along the way, their strength is tested like never before as they struggle against hunger, cold, wild animals, hurricanes, and people eager to turn them in for reward money. The hope of a new life is all that keeps them going, but Florida feels so far away and sometimes Amari wonders how far hopes and dreams can really take her.

THE LEAVERS (NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST)

A NOVEL

Algonquin Books **FINALIST FOR THE 2017 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION** Named a Best Book of 2017 by NPR, Entertainment Weekly, the Los Angeles Times, BuzzFeed, Bustle, and Electric Literature "There was a time I would have called Lisa Ko's novel beautifully written, ambitious, and moving, and all of that is true, but it's more than that now: if you want to understand a forgotten and essential part of the world we live in, *The Leavers* is required reading." —Ann Patchett, author of *Commonwealth* Lisa Ko's powerful debut, *The Leavers*, is the winner of the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Fiction, awarded by Barbara Kingsolver for a novel that addresses issues of social justice. One morning, Deming Guo's mother, Polly, an undocumented Chinese immigrant, goes to her job at a nail salon—and never comes home. No one can find any trace of her. With his mother gone, eleven-year-old Deming is left mystified and bereft. Eventually adopted by a pair of well-meaning white professors, Deming is moved from the Bronx to a small town upstate and renamed Daniel Wilkinson. But far from all he's ever known, Daniel struggles to reconcile his adoptive parents' desire that he assimilate with his memories of his mother and the community he left behind. Told from the perspective of both Daniel—as he grows into a directionless young man—and Polly, Ko's novel gives us one of fiction's most singular mothers. Loving and selfish, determined and frightened, Polly is forced to make one heartwrenching choice after another. Set in New York and China, *The Leavers* is a vivid examination of borders and belonging. It's a moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of the past.

POLLY SEES THE WORLD AT WAR

Theclassics.us This historic book may have numerous typos and missing text. Purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book (without typos) from the publisher. Not indexed. Not illustrated. 1918 edition. Excerpt: ... chapter xix good-by The next week, the Farwells and Polly bade farewell to Pixie's Haunt. It was a sad parting. The war had done much to bring them all near together in the common bond of sympathy, and work, and though no one mentioned it, they all felt that if things turned out as they hoped, Cyril and Lois would bind them still closer. Even Polly was a little depressed when the hour of actual leaving arrived. "I don't see why it didn't rain," she said crossly to Gerald. "It would have made going so much easier. But do look at this wasteful sunshine." They were in the automobile waiting in the court for the others. Gerald had come down purposely to run them up to London, where they would take the train to Liverpool. "What do you want it to rain for? We've had a deluge for three days," he said in answer to Polly. "Yes, and on any one of them I would have gladly gone, ' Polly returned. ' Anything sadder and drearier than that garden yesterday, I never saw, but to-day, why I want to be in it and stay in it." "Stay in what?" asked Genevieve, as she and Judy came across the lawn. "Bed?" "Goodness, no, the rose garden," Polly replied. "I'm just kicking about this glorious weather." "Don't--it may turn to rain, if it hears you," Genevieve begged; "and we do want the country to be cheerful when our Belgians arrive." "When do you expect them?" "In a day or two," Judy replied. "Twenty of them. Think of it, and some of them without hands." "Don't! I can't bear even to hear about it," Polly pleaded. "They'll keep you busy taking care of them, won't they?" "I hope so," Judy said quietly. "When is your Belgian family coming!" Polly asked Gerald. "I don't know," he replied. "The Pater offered to give three rooms to them ages ago, but they've not showed...

POLLY DIAMOND AND THE MAGIC BOOK

BOOK 1

Chronicle Books Polly loves words. And she loves writing stories. So when a magic book appears on her doorstep that can make everything she writes happen in real life, Polly is certain all of her dreams are about to come true. But she soon learns that what you write and what you mean are not always the same thing! Funny and touching, this new chapter book series will entertain readers and inspire budding writers.

MR. AND MRS. BUNNY--DETECTIVES EXTRAORDINAIRE!

Schwartz & Wade From National Book Award winner Polly Horvath comes a hopping mad mystery that's perfect for Easter baskets everywhere! In this hilarious chapter book mystery, meet a girl whose parents have been kidnapped by disreputable foxes, and a pair of detectives that also happen to be bunnies! When Madeline gets home from school one afternoon to discover that her parents have gone missing, she sets off to find them. So begins a once-in-a-lifetime adventure involving a cast of unforgettable characters. There's Mr. and Mrs. Bunny, who drive a smart car, wear fedoras, and hate marmots; the Marmot, who loves garlic bread and is a brilliant translator; and many others. Translated from the *Rabbit* by Newbery Honor-winning author Polly Horvath, and beautifully illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner Sophie Blackall, here is a book that kids will both laugh over and love. "National Book Award-winner Polly Horvath's latest, a rabbity romp complete with whimsical illustrations and a quirky cast of characters, has both the look and feel of a classic

children's book," raves The Washington Post.

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

THE LOST DECADE

The ten years from 2010 have been devastating. A decade of austerity and paralysis nurtured contempt for leaders, institutions and fellow citizens and fertilised the ground for a rebellious Brexit. It has been a decade characterised by national tragedies from Grenfell to Windrush, and food banks to the property crisis. But, as Adam Smith said, 'there's a great deal of ruin in a nation'. No truthful portrait of an era can be monochrome. Bright spots included the rise of renewable energy, lower crime rates, legalisation of same-sex marriage and the creative industries continuing to punch well above their weight in spite of cuts. In *The Lost Decade*, Polly Toynbee and David Walker offer the definitive survey of this most tumultuous of periods in British history and look to what lies ahead for us. This is the anatomy of a dark decade, bringing hope for better to come.

BRUCE LEE

A LIFE

Simon & Schuster "The first noteworthy treatment of its subject—and a definitive one at that...Fascinating narrative threads proliferate" (The New York Times Book Review). The most authoritative biography—featuring dozens of rarely seen photographs—of film legend Bruce Lee, who made martial arts a global phenomenon, bridged the divide between Eastern and Western cultures, and smashed long-held stereotypes of Asians and Asian-Americans. Forty-five years after Bruce Lee's sudden death at age thirty-two, journalist and bestselling author Matthew Polly has written the definitive account of Lee's life. It's also one of the only accounts; incredibly, there has never been an authoritative biography of Lee. Following a decade of research that included conducting more than one hundred interviews with Lee's family, friends, business associates, and even the actress in whose bed Lee died, Polly has constructed a complex, humane portrait of the icon. Polly explores Lee's early years as a child star in Hong Kong cinema; his actor father's struggles with opium addiction and how that turned Bruce into a troublemaking teenager who was kicked out of high school and eventually sent to America to shape up; his beginnings as a martial arts teacher, eventually becoming personal instructor to movie stars like James Coburn and Steve McQueen; his struggles as an Asian-American actor in Hollywood and frustration seeing role after role he auditioned for go to a white actors in eye makeup; his eventual triumph as a leading man; his challenges juggling a sky-rocketing career with his duties as a father and husband; and his shocking end that to this day is still shrouded in mystery. Polly breaks down the myths surrounding Bruce Lee and argues that, contrary to popular belief, he was an ambitious actor who was obsessed with the martial arts—not a kung-fu guru who just so happened to make a couple of movies. This is an honest, revealing look at an impressive yet imperfect man whose personal story was even more entertaining and inspiring than any fictional role he played onscreen.

ONE YEAR IN COAL HARBOR

Schwartz & Wade Readers rejoice—Primrose Squarp is back! The wise and curious heroine of the Newbery Honor Book *Everything on a Waffle* is facing another adventure-filled year in Coal Harbor. Even though her parents, once lost at sea, are home, there's a whole slew of problems and mysteries to keep Primrose—and eager fans—busy. There's Uncle Jack and Kate Bowzer, who may (or may not) be in love. There's Ked, a foster child who becomes Primrose's friend. And there's the new development on the outskirts of town that threatens the Coal Harbor Primrose knows and treasures. From National Book Award-winning author Polly Horvath comes a masterful sequel to a beloved novel, sure to please old fans and gain new ones. A perfect charmer.... Hilarious and touching." —The Boston Globe "Nobody does middle grade like Horvath." —The Horn Book Magazine

BEGINNING PERL

Apres This is a book for those of us who believed that we didn't need to learn Perl, and now we know it is more ubiquitous than ever. Perl is extremely flexible and powerful, and it isn't afraid of Web 2.0 or the cloud. Originally touted as the duct tape of the Internet, Perl has since evolved into a multipurpose, multiplatform language present absolutely everywhere: heavy-duty web applications, the cloud, systems administration, natural language processing, and financial engineering. *Beginning Perl, Third Edition* provides valuable insight into Perl's role regarding all of these tasks and more. Commencing with a comprehensive overview of language basics, you'll learn all about important concepts such as Perl's data types and control flow constructs. This material sets the stage for a discussion of more complex topics, such as writing custom functions, using regular expressions, and file input and output. Next, the book moves on to the advanced topics of object-oriented programming, modules, web programming, and database administration with Perl's

powerful database interface module, DBI. The examples and code provided offer you all of the information you need to start writing your own powerful scripts to solve the problems listed above, and many more. Whether you are a complete novice or an experienced programmer, *Beginning Perl, Third Edition* offers an ideal guide to learning Perl.

DRAMA IN THE CLASSROOM

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS & FRIENDS

"Drama in the Classroom" is a teaching tool that helps young people discover their own unique qualities and, at the same time, appreciate the talents and needs of others. This book offers seventy-nine lessons designed to enable anyone working with children to stimulate creativity, enhance learning, and foster cooperation, self-control and confidence. Question-and-answer help for using the book, goals, activities, step-by-step procedures, and evaluations are included.

POLLY AND THE WOLF AGAIN

Penguin UK POLLY AND THE WOLF AGAIN by Catherine Storr is the second book of stories written for the author's daughter, who was scared of the wolf under the bed. The blundering, endearing wolf is still determined to prove himself cleverer than Polly - but the resolute and affectionate Polly outwits him every time! Skilfully blending fantasy and reality, these stories are bursting with humour, originality and charm.

TAPPED OUT

REAR NAKED CHOKES, THE OCTAGON, AND THE LAST EMPEROR : AN ODYSSEY IN MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Avery The author of *American Shaolin* presents an insider's account of mixed martial arts that traces its meteoric rise since its 1993 inception, documenting key events through interviews with leading UFC stars while describing the author's own haphazard training experiences as an unprepared and out-of-shape contender.

THE GRIMM LEGACY

Penguin Elizabeth has just started working as a page at the New York Circulating Material Repository - a lending library of objects, contemporary and historical, common and obscure. And secret, too - for in the repository's basement lies the Grimm Collection, a room of magical items straight from the Grimm Brother's fairy tales. But the magic mirrors and seven-league boots and other items are starting to disappear. And before she knows it, she and her fellow pages - handsome Marc, perfect Anjali, and brooding Aaron - are suddenly caught up in an exciting, and dangerous, magical adventure.

TIGER

riverrun **The thrilling new novel by the prize-winning author of *Larchfield*** 'Passionate, remarkable and uplifting novel' Guardian 'Grabbed me by the imagination and carried me into the wild' *Laline Paull* Set across two continents, *Tiger* is a sweeping story of survival and redeeming love that plunges the reader into one of the world's last wildernesses with blistering authenticity. Frieda is a primatologist, sensitive and solitary, until a violent attack shatters her ordered world. In her new role as a zookeeper, she confronts a very different ward: an injured wild tiger. Deep in the Siberian taiga, Tomas, a Russian conservationist, fears that the natural order has toppled. The king tiger has been killed by poachers and a spectacular tigress now patrols his vast territory as her own. In a winter of treacherous competition, the path of the tigress and her cub crosses with an Udeghe huntress and her daughter. Vengeance must follow, and the fates of both tigers and people are transformed. Learning of her tiger's past offers Frieda the chance of freedom. Faced with the savage forces of nature, she must trust to her instinct and, like the tiger, find a way to live in the world.

GOLDEN HANDCUFFS

THE LOWLY LIFE OF A HIGH FLYER

Troubador Publishing Ltd Talks about ambition, resilience and shattered dreams. This work is about two young people starting out in the world, and the gradual realisation of what

it means to sell your soul to the City.

POLLY

Polly is the story of a horseshoe crab who discovers a sky full of stars on the night that she hatches, and wants to know more about what she sees. Not satisfied with the answers she gets from the other creatures of the sea, she sets out on her own to discover as much as she can. Her curiosity leads her to many amazing discoveries above the water, including the strange and enigmatic "two feet" that live there - but when one of those encounters leaves her with an unanswered question, her real journey of discovery begins. Polly is a story about self-discovery, the love of learning and exploration, and the quest for knowledge and wisdom. It's a gentle story told through the eyes of one of the world's most gentle and yet misunderstood creatures.

THE VISIONIST

A NOVEL

Little, Brown An enthralling first novel about a teenage girl who finds refuge--but perhaps not--in an 1840s Shaker community. After 15-year-old Polly Kimball sets fire to the family farm, killing her abusive father, she and her young brother find shelter in a Massachusetts Shaker community called the City of Hope. It is the Era of Manifestations, when young girls in Shaker enclaves all across the Northeast are experiencing extraordinary mystical visions, earning them the honorific of "Visionist" and bringing renown to their settlements. The City of Hope has not yet been blessed with a Visionist, but that changes when Polly arrives and is unexpectedly exalted. As she struggles to keep her dark secrets concealed in the face of increasing scrutiny, Polly finds herself in a life-changing friendship with a young Shaker sister named Charity, a girl who will stake everything--even her faith--on Polly's honesty and purity.

THE WOMEN OF PEARL ISLAND

Park Row Books Set on a secluded island off the British coast, *The Women of Pearl Island* is a moving and evocative story of family secrets, natural wonders and a mystery spanning decades. When Tartelin answers an ad for a personal assistant, she doesn't know what to expect from her new employer, Marianne, an eccentric elderly woman. Marianne lives on a remote island that her family has owned for generations, and for decades her only companions have been butterflies and tightly held memories of her family. But there are some memories Marianne would rather forget, such as when the island was commandeered by the British government during WWII and her family was forced to leave. Unbeknownst to everyone, Marianne stayed behind and witnessed an event that would change the course of her life. Now, if Marianne can trust Tartelin with her family's story, she might finally be able to face the long-buried secrets of her past that have kept her isolated for far too long.

THOUSAND PIECES OF GOLD

Beacon Press Lalu Nathoy's father calls his thirteen-year-old daughter his treasure, his "thousand pieces of gold," yet when famine strikes northern China in 1871, he is forced to sell her. Polly, as Lalu is later called, is sold to a brothel, sold again to a slave merchant bound for America, auctioned to a saloon keeper, and offered as a prize in a poker game. Complete with photographs and documents, this biographical novel is the extraordinary story of a legendary pioneer's fight for independence and dignity on the American frontier.

THE YEAR WE DISAPPEARED

A FATHER - DAUGHTER MEMOIR

Bloomsbury Publishing USA When Cylin Busby was nine years old, she was obsessed with Izod clothing, the Muppets, and a box turtle she kept in a shoebox. Then everything changed overnight. Her police officer father, John, was driving to his shift when someone leveled a shotgun at his window. The blasts that followed left John's jaw on the passenger seat of his car-literally. While clinging to life, he managed to write down the name of the only person he thought could have pulled the trigger. The suspect? A local ex-con with rumored mob connections. The motive? Officer Busby was scheduled to testify against the suspect's family in an upcoming trial. Overnight, the Busbys went from being the "family next door" to one under 24-hour armed guard, with police escorts to school, and no contact with friends. Worse, the shooter was still on the loose, and it seemed only a matter of

time before he'd come after John-or someone else in the family-again. With few choices left to them, the Busby family went into hiding, severing all ties to the only life they had known.

ASK POLLY'S GUIDE TO YOUR NEXT CRISIS

Vintage "Every crisis has a message for you, if you look for it. Every crisis carries with it some kind of a gift that will make you feel more whole." From beloved advice-columnist Heather Havrilesky comes a new collection of treasured questions and answers for those of us who have a crisis looming, who are still looking to find our joy, and who are hiding from injustice and doubt. Why doesn't anything feel fun? Am I too anxious to ever find love? Why won't my former friends forgive me? And, why should I keep going? To all of these questions and more, Havrilesky offers her customary wit, grace, candor, and wisdom. These are the pep talks we all need to hear to lay our egos aside and draw on the strengths we didn't know we had. A Vintage Shorts original. An ebook short.

A LITTLE PRETTY POCKET-BOOK

POLLYANNA

First Avenue Editions™ When optimistic orphan Pollyanna is sent to live with her stern Aunt Polly in the dismal town of Beldingsville, the sweet-natured eleven year old relies on "the Glad Game" to boost her spirits. The Glad Game—which involves looking for the silver lining in every situation—allows her to remain cheerful no matter how coldly and harshly her aunt treats her. Pollyanna teaches the town's residents how to be glad, too, and her sunny outlook soon reanimates the town. Not even strict Aunt Polly is entirely immune to Pollyanna's infectious charm. But when misfortune strikes, Pollyanna will find her irrepressible optimism put to the test. This is an unabridged version of the heartwarming children's tale by American author Eleanor H. Porter, first published in 1913.

QUIZZES FOR 220 GREAT CHILDREN'S BOOKS

THE QUEST MOTIVATIONAL READING PROGRAM

Libraries Unlimited Provides objective tests for well-known children's books, including award winners, classics, and popular books

HOW DO YOU KNOW?

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt When Polly and her mother take a walk on the farm on a foggy morning, Polly learns that things are still there even though the fog hides them.

THE OTHER SIDE OF BIPOLAR

REVEALING YOUR STRENGTHS TO MOVE BEYOND THE DIAGNOSIS

Over and Above Creative The Other Side of Bipolar offers hope and a new perspective of mental illness that can help millions of people. A unique combination of memoir and self-help book, it invites us to reexamine our definitions of mental illness as a debilitating disease, and consider another possibility: what if instead of a wrongness, these symptoms point to capacities that are not yet fully understood? What if being bipolar or mentally ill is a sign that you have intelligences that others do not understand? Through this new perspective, you can be empowered to go beyond any diagnosis or label you have been given and start to explore the uniqueness and beauty of who you truly are. Embedded throughout this poetic story are examples of tools and techniques you can apply immediately to begin to create a sense of peace and possibility in your life. Lauren's story will captivate you and show you a path to finding peace and joy with being different, and ultimately how to utilize your difference to shift from surviving in this world to thriving and creating a satisfying life for yourself. You don't need to live a small, safe existence; you can go after your dreams, challenge yourself, and create a life far beyond what you may have thought is possible. "The Other Side of Bipolar sits apart from other autobiographical surveys of psychological struggles, offering readers the rare opportunity to explore and utilize many of the gifts formerly identified as disabilities. Any who have faced such a diagnosis will find this an inspiring, engrossing saga which offers hope, revelation, and much food for thought as it follows a journey that takes the identification of 'bipolar' and turns it upside down." -- Diane Donovan, Senior Reviewer, Midwest Book Review"

PINE ISLAND HOME

Holiday House Four sisters search for true family in this story of resilience by a Newbery Honor author. When the McCready sisters' parents are washed away in a tsunami, their Great Aunt Martha volunteers to have them live with her on her farm in British Columbia. But while they are traveling there, Martha dies unexpectedly, forcing Fiona, the eldest, to come up with a scheme to keep social services from separating the girls - a scheme that will only work if no one knows they are living on their own. Fiona approaches their grouchy and indifferent neighbor Al and asks if he will pretend to be their live-in legal guardian should papers need to be signed or if anyone comes snooping around. He reluctantly agrees, under the condition that they bring him dinner every night. As weeks pass, Fiona takes on more and more adult responsibilities, while each of the younger girls finds their own special role in their atypical family - But even if things seem to be falling into place, Fiona is sure it's only a matter of time before they are caught. Written in Polly Horvath's inimitable style, gentle humor and tough obstacles are woven throughout this story about the bonds of sisterhood and what makes a family. A Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection A Bank Street Best Children's Book of the Year

THE NIGHT GARDEN

Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR) From Newbery Honor and National Book Award-winning author Polly Horvath is this magical middle-grade novel about a garden that grants wishes. It is World War II, and Franny and her parents, Sina and Old Tom, enjoy a quiet life on a farm on Vancouver Island. Franny writes, Sina sculpts, and Old Tom tends to their many gardens—including the ancient, mysterious night garden. Their peaceful life is interrupted when their neighbor, Crying Alice, begs Sina to watch her children while she goes to visit her husband at the military base because she suspects he's up to no good. Soon after the children move in, letters arrive from their father that suggest he's about to do something to change their lives; and appearances from a stubborn young cook, UFOs, hermits, and ghosts only make life stranger. Can the forbidden night garden that supposedly grants everyone one wish help them all out of trouble? And if so, at what cost? The Night Garden is a poignant and hilarious story from acclaimed children's author Polly Horvath.

OUT OF THE DUST (SCHOLASTIC GOLD)

Scholastic Inc. Acclaimed author Karen Hesse's Newbery Medal-winning novel-in-verse explores the life of fourteen-year-old Billie Jo growing up in the dust bowls of Oklahoma.

SIP, PICK, AND PACK...

HOW POLLINATORS HELP PLANTS MAKE SEEDS

"... Teaches children about seeds, plants, and a great variety of pollinators in a really fun way. With twenty-two beautiful illustrations, and cleverly rhyming text, it appeals to adults and children, while providing instruction about pollinators' crucial role in food production and some of the challenges that they face. A glossary of terms is listed in the back along with some fun facts about bees and other pollinators. Great for reading to young children and for grades 3-6."--Publisher's description.

FELLOWSHIP POINT

A NOVEL

Simon and Schuster **NATIONAL BESTSELLER** The masterful story of a lifelong friendship between two very different women with shared histories and buried secrets, tested in the twilight of their lives, set across the arc of the 20th century. Celebrated children's book author Agnes Lee is determined to secure her legacy—to complete what she knows will be the final volume of her pseudonymously written Franklin Square novels; and even more consuming, to permanently protect the peninsula of majestic coast in Maine known as Fellowship Point. To donate the land to a trust, Agnes must convince shareholders to dissolve a generations-old partnership. And one of those shareholders is her best friend, Polly. Polly Wister has led a different kind of life than Agnes: that of a well-off married woman with children, defined by her devotion to her husband, and philosophy professor with an inflated sense of stature. She exalts in creating beauty and harmony in her home, in her friendships, and in her family. Polly soon finds her loyalties torn between the wishes of her best friend and the wishes of her three sons—but what is it that Polly wants herself? Agnes's designs are further muddled when an enterprising young book editor named Maud Silver sets out to convince Agnes to write her memoirs. Agnes's resistance cannot prevent long-buried memories and secrets from coming to light with far-reaching repercussions for all. Fellowship Point reads like a classic 19th-century novel in its beautifully woven, multilayered narrative, but it is entirely contemporary in the themes it explores; a deep and

empathic interest in women's lives, the class differences that divided us, the struggle to protect the natural world, and, above all, a reckoning with intimacy, history, and posterity. It is a masterwork from Alice Elliott Dark.

MY ONE HUNDRED ADVENTURES

Schwartz & Wade THE WINNER OF a National Book Award, a Newbery Honor, and countless other awards has written her richest, most spirited book yet, filled with characters that readers will love, and never forget. Jane is 12 years old, and she is ready for adventures, to move beyond the world of her siblings and single mother and their house by the sea, and step into the "know-not what." And, over the summer, adventures do seem to find Jane, whether it's a thrilling ride in a hot-air balloon, the appearances of a slew of possible fathers, or a weird new friendship with a preacher and psychic wannabe. Most important, there's Jane's discovery of what lies at the heart of all great adventures: that it's not what happens to you that matters, but what you learn about yourself. And don't miss Polly Horvath's Northward to the Moon, the sequel to My One Hundred Adventures.