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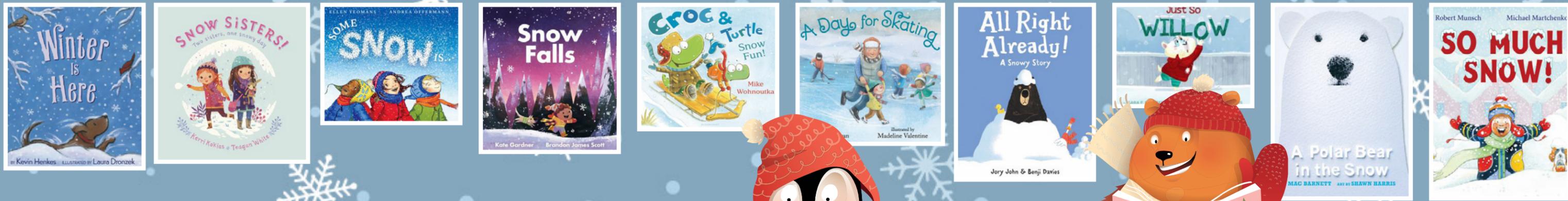
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that **SNOW**
Much Fun

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10 Picture Books that SNOW Much Fun!



Winter Is Here

by Kevin Henkes

Winter is everywhere! Charming and entertaining, the book encourages children to explore and appreciate the uniqueness of this wonderful season.

Snow Sisters!

by Kerri Kokias

What's your favorite winter activity? With beautiful illustrations and simple text, this story follows two sisters as they enjoy a snowy day in different ways.

Some Snow Is...

by Ellen Yeomans

From sleet snow to snow that's good for sledding and making snowballs, this delightful book talks about the different types of snow and wintertime activities.

Snow Falls

by Kate Gardner

Snow snows, smiles, and brings joy to the world. This vibrant story follows a girl and her dog as they go outside to explore the wonders of snow.

Croc & Turtle

by Mike Wohnoutka

Croc likes outdoor activities, while Turtle prefers indoor activities. Will they find a way to enjoy their wintry day together? A heartwarming story about friendship and respect.

A Day for Skating

by Sarah Sullivan

It's time to bundle up and head out to the frozen pond for skating. Tap and step, then slide and turn. A cozy rhyming story about a perfect day.

All Right Already!

by Jory John

Bear is not excited about snow and wants to stay indoors. Will Duck find a way to make him go out and have some fun? A captivating story with an unexpected ending.

Just So Willow

by Sara Shacter

This is a brilliant story about Willow who prefers things just so. What about the snow in her backyard? Will she be able to keep it smooth and perfect?

A Polar Bear in the Snow

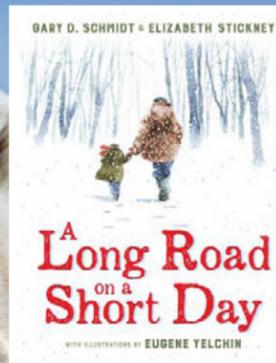
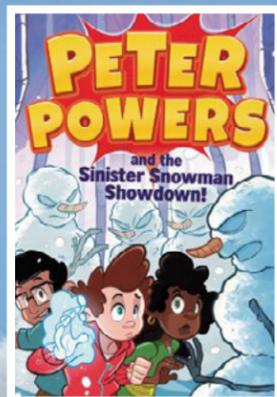
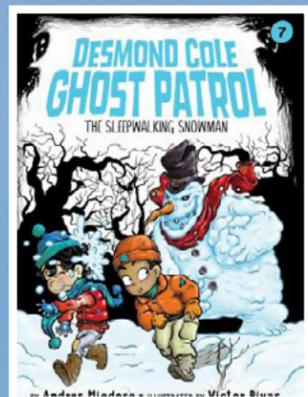
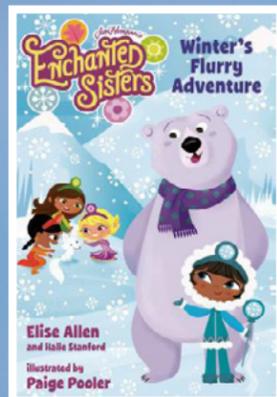
by Mac Barnett

Where is the polar bear going? Engaging and suspenseful, the book invites our young readers to embark on a fascinating journey through the amazing world of snow.

So Much Snow!

by Robert N. Munsch

Full of humor and fun, this tale is about adventurous Jasmine who decides to walk to school in the middle of a big blizzard. See what happens when she gets deeper and deeper into snow.



9 Cool Winter Reads for Kids

Winter's Flurry Adventure

by Elise Allen

In this fantasy novel for young readers, Winter's discovery of a baby Arctic fox causes Flurry, her pet polar bear, to become jealous and run away, putting himself in danger. An earnest story of friendship.

The Sleepwalking Snowman

by Andres Miedoso

When a classmate's snowman comes to life, it's up to Desmond and Andres to stop it before the whole town becomes frozen in this chillingly funny tale.

The Way Past Winter

by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

In this mythical fantasy adventure, it's been winter since Mila's father left. When her brother, Oskar, is taken by a mysterious stranger, Mila and her sisters set out to save him and try to find a way past their eternal winter.

Peter Powers and the Sinister Snowman Showdown!

by Kent Clark

In this entertaining and fast-paced book, Peter and his friends must battle an army of sinister snowmen to save the holidays.

Time to Shine

by Jessica Young

In this magical collection of five stories, best friends Ruby, Iris, and Pip experience the joys of winter. The illustrations and simple text make this a great choice for beginning readers.

A Long Road on a Short Day

by Gary D. Schmidt

In this simple and beautifully illustrated book, Samuel and his father make a series of trades with friends and neighbours to bring home a cow for Samuel's mother.

Ice Storm!

by Frieda Wishinsky

In this suspenseful survival story, Ethan must help an elderly neighbour and take care of his pregnant stepmother during the 1998 Montreal ice storm.

Snow Place Like Home

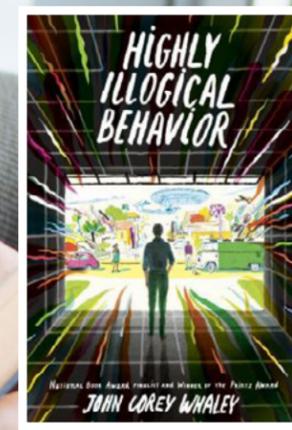
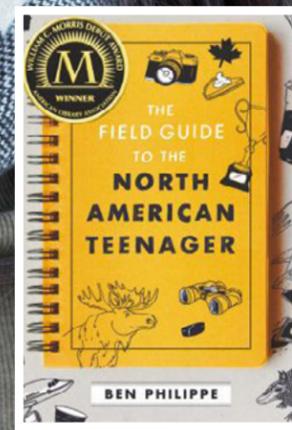
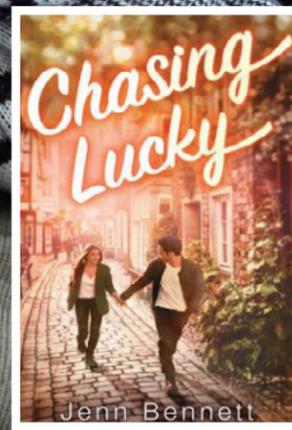
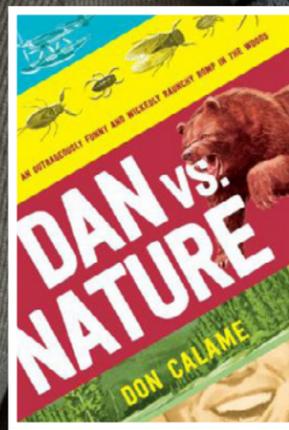
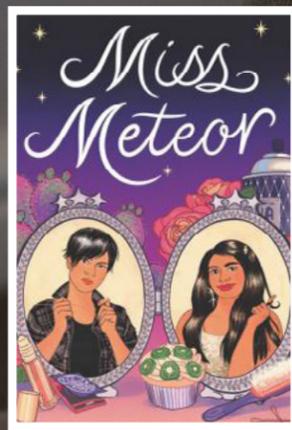
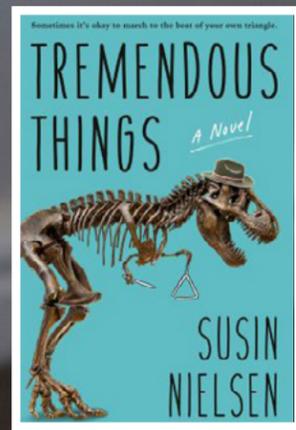
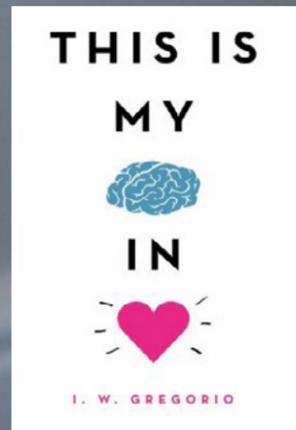
by Christina Soontornvat

Princess Lina promises to keep her ability to control the wind a secret at school. But when she starts creating icicles in the classroom, can she get things under control? A whimsical early chapter book recommended for fans of *Frozen*.

Rocket Blues

by David Skuy

When Bryan "Rocket" Rockwood is cut from his hockey team and must play at a lower level, he learns the value of friendship and that there's more to life than the sport he loves. A relatable story perfect for hockey fans.



8 Feel-Good YA Reads to Cozy Up With

[This Is My Brain in Love](#)

by I. W. Gregorio

When Will gets a job at Jocelyn's family's struggling restaurant, they form a connection. But can they overcome the obstacles in their lives to make it work? A moving romantic comedy.

[Tremendous Things](#)

by Susin Nielsen

In this sensitive and heartfelt novel, Wilbur's loyal friends and his elderly neighbour join forces to help him overcome an embarrassing moment from his past and gain confidence in himself.

[Miss Meteor](#)

by Tehlor Kay Mejia

In this quirky novel full of diverse characters, Lita, who came to earth in a meteor, must win a beauty pageant to avoid turning back into stardust.

[Dan Versus Nature](#)

by Don Calame

Dan plans to use a camping trip to scare off his mom's new fiancé, Hank, but when things go awry, Dan finds himself relying on Hank for survival. A funny and fast-paced book full of gross-out humour.

[Chasing Lucky](#)

by Jenn Bennett

In this romantic coming-of-age story, Josie reunites with her childhood best friend, Lucky, when she and her mother move back to their hometown.

[The Field Guide to the North American Teenager](#)

by Ben Philippe

When Norris moves from Montreal to Austin, he experiences a series of blunders as he tries to fit in with his new classmates. An engaging fish-out-of-water tale filled with witty dialogue.

[Puddin'](#)

by Julie Murphy

Millie and Callie, two girls with very different personalities, find that they bring out each other's strengths when they are forced to work together. An upbeat and thought-provoking story of friendship.

[Highly Illogical Behavior](#)

by John Corey Whaley

In this tender, character-driven novel, Solomon, who suffers from panic attacks, hasn't left the house in three years. Lisa is determined to help him - and use the experience for her college essay - but finds herself bonding with Sol in the process.



10 Late Night Adventures for Teens

[Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist](#)

by Rachel Cohn & David Levithan

After a fateful kiss at a punk club, Nick and Norah's rollercoaster of a night takes them through the raucous streets of NYC. Rachel Cohn and David Levithan's first book together!

[Sunny G's Series of Rash Decisions](#)

by Navdeep Singh Dhillon

Inspired by his late brother's journal, Sunny Gill decides to upturn his boring prom night plans for a wild night of adventure along with classmate Mindii Vang.

[Blackout](#)

Various Authors

This anthology from celebrated Black YA authors brings together six electric stories about one night in NYC, when a summer blackout plunges the city into darkness.

[Take Me Home Tonight](#)

by Morgan Matson

Sneaking out to NYC to watch a play seems like a good idea for best friends Kat and Stevie, but an epic fight and lost cellphones take their night in an unexpected direction.

[White Rabbit](#)

by Caleb Roehrig

It's a long night for Rufus: his sister April has been accused of murder and his ex-boyfriend Sebastian is back. Can Rufus and Sebastian work together to prove April's innocence over the span of one night?

[Up All Night](#)

Various Authors

The eclectic short stories in this collection from diverse authors all take place between dusk and dawn, spanning multiple genres from romance to mystery.

[I'm Not Dying With You Tonight](#)

by Kimberly Jones

When a high school football game descends into a race-based riot, teens Lena and Campbell must band together to survive the night. A timely exploration of bigotry and racial justice.

[We Are the Wildcats](#)

by Siobhan Vivian

The Wildcats are a girls' varsity field hockey team with one tradition: the midnight initiation ceremony. When a new coach derails these plans, the girls' sleepover becomes an unpredictable journey of suspense.

[Today Tonight Tomorrow](#)

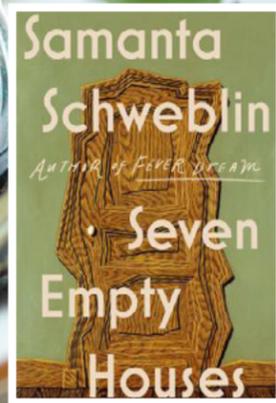
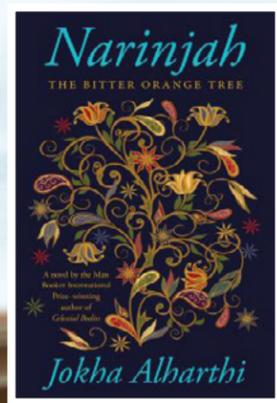
by Rachel Lynn Solomon

In this rivals-to-lovers tale, Rowan and Neil are two students competing for valedictorian when they get caught up in a game of Howl, a high school tradition that will take them on a farewell tour of Seattle.

[The Night We Said Yes](#)

by Lauren Gibaldi

Recent high school graduates Ella and Matt once spent a memorable night of saying "yes" to everything before Matt vanished. Six months later, can they recreate that perfect night?



9 Recent Translated Works

[Tomb of Sand](#)

by Geetanjali Shree

Originally in Hindi, the winner of the 2022 International Booker Prize is about a depressed 80-year-old widow who tries to confront the unresolved trauma caused by her Partition Riots experience when she was a teenager. Powerful but fun and light, translator Rockwell wonderfully realized the wordplays on sounds and cadences.

[Narinjah: The Bitter Orange Tree](#)

by Jūkhah Hārithī

The Man Booker International Prize winner follows an Omani young woman's attempt to build a life in Britain but first she needs to understand the roots she has grown from to find freedom and power necessary to bear fruit and flourish. A profound reflection on social status, wealth, desire, and female agency.

[Heaven](#)

by Mieko Kawakami

Kawakami, Japan's brightest new literary stars according to Haruki Murakami, explores the hard truths and painful experiences of bullying and the consolations of friendship in this sharp, coming-of-age novel.

[The Employees: A Workplace Novel of the 22nd Century](#)

by Olga Ravn

Originally in Danish, this funny 22nd-century workplace novel traces the daily lives of human and humanoid crew members on a spaceship, rendering a hilarious satire of the late-capitalist productivity and what it means to be human.

[The Books of Jacob](#)

by Olga Tokarczuk

In this Polish-to-English translation, the 2018 Nobel Prize winner once again proves her literary skills in this sweeping, ambitious novel about a mysterious religious leader as he blazes his way across eighteenth-century Europe.

[Seven Empty Houses](#)

by Samanta Schweblin

Translated from the Spanish, this story collection explores the universal desire for human connection with twists and turns. Author Samanta Schweblin never takes expected path and is truly one of the most brilliant modern Latin American writers of our time.

[Portrait of An Unknown Lady](#)

by María Gainza

The Argentine art critic and author inquires what is lived and what is told in this entertaining detective novel about art forgery.

[Jawbone](#)

by Monica Ojeda

In this dense, horror story, the Ecuadorian writer explores the painful truths of becoming a woman and the fine line between desire and fear.

[Querelle of Roberval](#)

by Kevin Lambert

Originally in French, the Quebec-set social drama reimagines Jean Genet's Querelle of Brest and recreates a wild, inventive story of justice, passion, and murderous revenge.



10 Festive Cookbooks for the Holiday Season

[The Good Housekeeping Christmas Cookbook](#)

by Good Housekeeping

Always a classic resource, this collection of over 300 recipes, decoration tips, and gift ideas from Good Housekeeping will help take the stress out of your holiday planning.

[The Artisanal Kitchen: Gluten-Free Holiday Cookies](#)

by Alice Medrich

Those with gluten sensitivities need not feel left out this holiday season, with the help of this collection of cookie and bar recipes made with alternative flours.

[Jewish Holiday Baking](#)

by Uri Scheft

Serve up classic Jewish baking like challah and babka this holiday season, offered with creative twists in this collection from renowned baker Uri Scheft.

[Vegan Holiday Cookbook](#)

by Katie Kulpin

Who says vegan cooking needs to be boring? This cookbook provides tasty plant-based dishes, from mains to sides to desserts.

[Instant Pot Holiday Cookbook](#)

by Heather Schlueter

Crafted especially for the Instant Pot pressure cooker, these festive recipes will save you time during the busy holiday season.

[Holiday and Celebration Bread in Five Minutes a Day](#)

by Zoë François

These quick and easy recipes take the intimidation out of baking bread. Inspired by cultures from around the world, this cookbook collects year-round holiday bread recipes.

[The New Yiddish Kitchen](#)

by Simone Miller

This cookbook serves up traditional Jewish fare with a gluten-free and paleo-friendly twist. Perfect for holiday gatherings!

[Very Merry Cocktails](#)

by Jessica Strand

This collection of cocktails and mocktails will help you ring in the holiday season, from hot toddies to hot chocolate. Cheers!

[Let It Snow](#)

by Agnes Prus

Is there anything better on a cold winter's day than an oven full of baked goods? This collection of cookie and pastry recipes will warm you right up!

[Ugly Christmas Sweater Party](#)

by Brandy Shay

Embrace your silly side this holiday season! Including recipes and games, this fun guide is sure to make your ugly sweater party a hit.



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