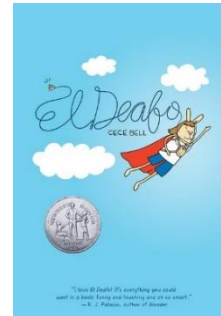


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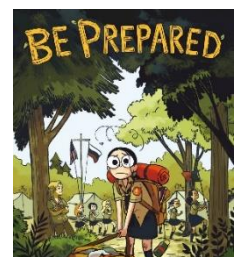
### **El Deafo** by Cece Bell

Starting at a new school with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! Then Cece discovers that she can hear her teacher not just in the classroom but anywhere her teacher is in the school. Cece is on her way to becoming El Deafo, Listener for All. But being a superhero is just another way of feeling different . . . and lonely. Can Cece channel her powers into finding the thing she wants most, a true friend?



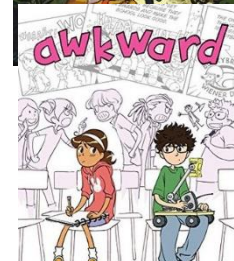
### **Be Prepared** by Vera Brosgol

All Vera wants to do is fit in—but that's not easy for a Russian girl in the suburbs. Vera's single mother can't afford luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range—Russian summer camp. Vera is sure she's found the one place she can fit in, but nothing could prepare her for all the "cool girl" drama, endless Russian history lessons, and outhouses straight out of nightmares!



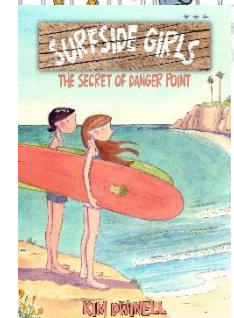
### **Awkward series** by Svetlana Chmakova

Each book follows a new student from Berrybrook Middle School as they navigate the trials and tribulations of tweenhood. Readers will find themselves connecting with complex and diverse cast of characters and the bright and colourful illustrations will keep you hooked!



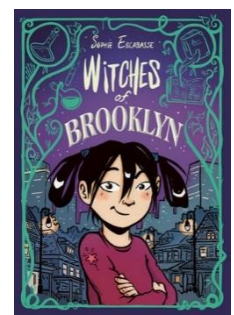
### **Surfside Girls series** by Kim Dwinell

Things are getting weird in Surfside. Lately, Samantha's best friend Jade explodes into fits of giggles whenever she sees a boy, and it's throwing a wrench into the kick-back summer of surfing and hanging out that Sam had planned. Three titles available in this popular series.



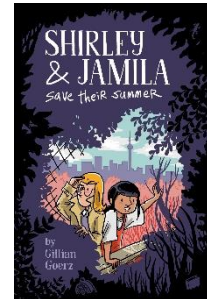
### **Witches of Brooklyn** by Sophie Escabasse

There's a new witch in town! Life in Brooklyn takes a strange turn when Effie discovers MAGIC runs in the family. With new friends who will do whatever they can to be there for her, a cursed popstar, and her magically-inclined aunts – Effie's life is about to get interesting.



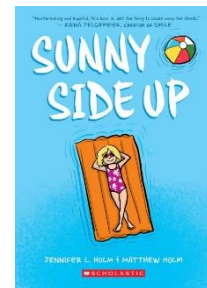
**Shirley and Jamila Save their Summer** by Gillian Goerz

Jamila Waheed is staring down a lonely summer in a new neighbourhood--until she meets Shirley Bones. Sure, Shirley's a little strange, but both girls need a new plan for the summer, and they might as well become friends while solving their neighbourhoods' biggest mysteries..



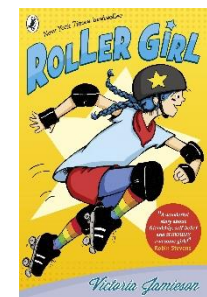
**Sunny Side Up series** by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

Following the lives of kids whose older brother's delinquent behaviour has thrown their family into chaos, Sunny Side Up is at once a compelling "problem" story and a love letter to the comic books that help the protagonist make sense of her world.



**Roller Girl** by Victoria Jamieson

Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for a summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead, with Astrid's biggest rival. So begins the hardest summer of Astrid's life



**Twins** by Varian Johnson & Shannon Wright

Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. But just before the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran — a girl who wants to join the chorus, run for class president, and dress in fashionable outfits that set her apart from Maureen. A girl who seems happy to share only two classes with her sister!



**Amulet series** by Kazu Kibuishi

Each book, 8 so far, tells the story of one of history's most terrifying events, through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale!



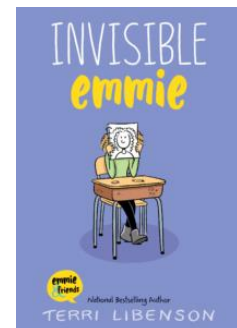
**Measuring Up** by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu

Twelve-year-old Cici has just moved from Taiwan to Seattle, and the only thing she wants more than to fit in at her new school is to celebrate her grandmother, A-má's, seventieth birthday together. A heartwarming exploration of identity by a young immigrant trying to find her place in multiple cultures.



**Emmie and Friends series** by Terri Libenson

Invisible Emmie\* is the first book in the drama-filled world of Emmie & Friends. It stars Emmie and Katie, two seemingly opposite girls. It mainly focuses on Emmie, who flies under the radar, but still desires to be "heard." It is also about having the courage to express yourself. This book is perfect for anyone who likes humour, heart, and ridiculously fun drawings.



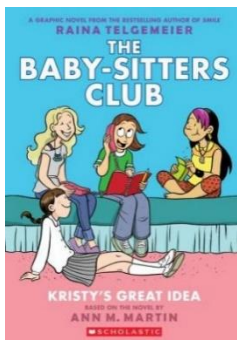
**Allergic** by Megan Lloyd

At home, Maggie is the odd one out. Her parents are preoccupied with the new baby they're expecting, and her younger brothers are twins and always in their own world. Maggie thinks a new puppy is the answer, but when she goes to select one on her birthday, she breaks out in hives and rashes. She's severely allergic to anything with fur! Can Maggie outsmart her allergies and find the perfect pet?



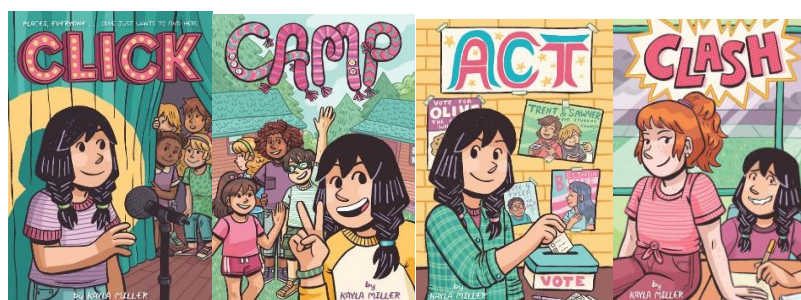
**The Baby-Sitters Club series** by Ann M. Martin & Raina Telgemeier

Babysitting isn't always easy, and neither is dealing with strict parents, new families, fashion emergencies, and mysterious secrets. But no matter what, the Babysitters Club members have what they need most: friendship.



**Click series** by Kayla Miller

Olive "clicks" with everyone in the fifth grade—until one day she doesn't. When a school variety show leaves Olive stranded without an act to join, she begins to panic, wondering why all her friends have already formed their own groups . . . without her. With the performance drawing closer by the minute, will Olive be able to find her own place in the show before the curtain comes up?





**Aster and the Accidental Magic** by Thom Pico

An action-packed fantasy adventure about a girl, her dog, and magic gone wrong! When Aster and her dog Buzz are adventuring in the forest, they run into a trickster spirit who gives Aster three wishes. After wishing for the ability to understand and talk to her dog, she becomes only able to talk in dog language . . . and the trouble she gets into is just starting.



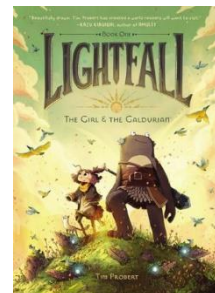
**Treasure in the Lake** by Jason Pamment

When Iris and her best friend, Sam, stumble upon an unusually dry riverbed on the outskirts of town, they discover a hidden city, lost in time, and shrouded in mystery. As secrets begin to surface can Iris and Sam uncover the truth in time to keep their friendship afloat, or will history repeat itself and pull them apart forever?



**Lightfall** by Tim Probert

The first book of the Lightfall series introduces Bea and Cad, two unlikely friends who get swept up in an epic quest to save their world from falling into eternal darkness.



**Smile** by Raina Telgemeier

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth, and what follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached.

**Guts** by Raina Telgemeier

Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships.

**Ghosts** by Raina Telgemeier

Catrina and her family move to Bahia de la Luna because her little sister Maya is sick. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbor lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahía de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them.



**Séance Tea Party** by Reimena Yee

Lora wants to stay a kid forever, and she'll do anything to make that happen . . . including befriending Alexa, the ghost who haunts her house. Lora and Alexa are thrilled to meet kindred spirits and they become best friends . . . but unfortunately, not everything can last forever.



This is only a selection of graphic novels available for this age group. There are many more available.

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