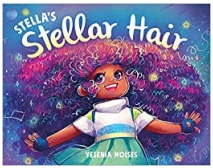


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Monthly Kid Picks from
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Stella's Stellar Hair by Yesenia Moises

Stella wants the perfect hairstyle, so she visits her stylish aunts, each residing on a different planet. This out of this world picture book works on so many levels - as a vibrant celebration of hair and as an effective look at facts about the planets. Totally cosmic! - Brian



Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter by Kenard Pak

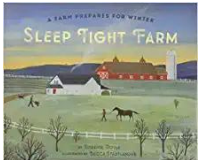
Gorgeous book about how nature is changed from Fall to Winter. Best for preschoolers. - Martha



The Shortest Day

by Susan Cooper; illustrated by Carson Ellis

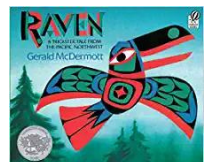
A lovely poem for Solstice! For all ages. - Martha



Sleep Tight Farm

by Eugenie Doyle; illustrated by Becca Stadtlander

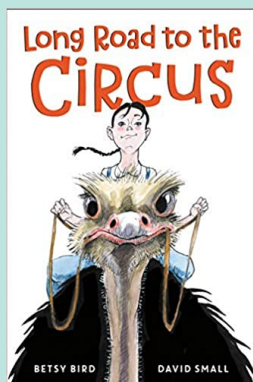
How one farm makes the change from Fall to Winter; I promise that you will learn something wonderful about how farms prepare for Winter. Best for preschool. - Martha



Raven by Gerald McDermott

A perfect Winter Solstice book about how Raven brought the people living in darkness a new light, the sun! For all ages. - Martha

PRESENTING
BETSY BIRD & DAVID SMALL'S
LONG ROAD TO THE CIRCUS



"This story may be inspired by the past, but with Bird's expert eye for narrative, instinct for pacing, and ear for dialogue, this book has a strong heartbeat and is very much alive! This historical, highly illustrated novel won't need a feather duster!"

- Jessica

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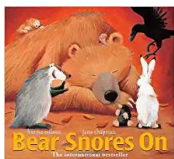
Betsy Bird delivers a **FASCINATING & FUNNY** historical novel about a girl who meets an eccentric retired circus performer and, wait, learns how to ride an **ostrich?!?**

Bird joyfully tells a story that feels like a made-up tall tale but is based on an

ACTUAL TRUE STORY!

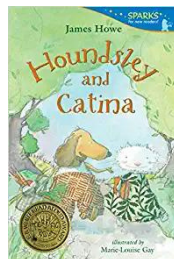
Great spot illustrations from legendary Caldecott winner David Small! - Brian

"Suzy's got more pluck than a goose down comforter. This story is your ticket to an unforgettable ride!" - Sally



Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

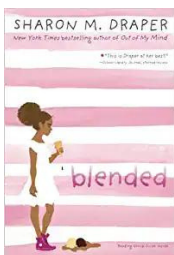
Bear and his friends are back for another wonderfully illustrated adventure, just in time for the winter season because Bear is asleep and hibernating for winter and his friends want to throw a party! Best for ages 2-5. - Kennedy



Houndsley and Catina

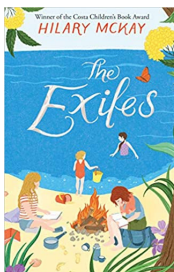
by James Howe; illustrated by Mary-Louse Gay

Three short stories about the best of friends. This beginning chapter book contains loads of charm, warmth and affection. Delightful illustrations round out this cozy blanket of a book. Best for ages 5-9. - Liz



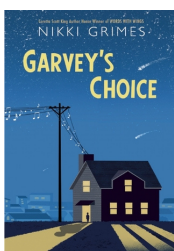
Blended by Sharon Draper

What makes Blended so special for me is that a colleague recommended I listen to it, read by the author! Izzy must contend with many stresses in her life, but her families and her friendships see her through. Best for ages 8-12. - Linda



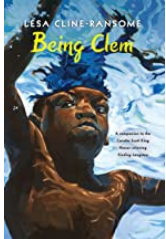
The Exiles by Hilary McKay

The four Conroy sisters spend a wild summer at the seaside with Big Grandma, who tries to break them of their reading habit(!?!) by substituting fresh air and hard work for books and gets unexpected results. For fans of *The Penderwicks*. Best for ages 9-11. - Jan



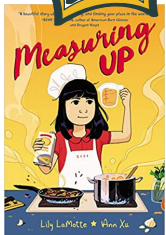
Garvey's Choice by Nikki Grimes

Unlike his sister, Garvey struggles to connect with his sports-loving dad, instead keeping to his room, science fiction books, and interest in astronomy. If that wasn't enough, once the summer ends, Garvey struggles to fit in at school as well. That is, until he takes a risk and tries out chorus at the urging of his new friend. For middle grade readers who want a rich story in under 110 pages! - Jess



Being Clem by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Fans of the great *Finding Langston* and *Leaving Lymon* should check out this excellent companion novel. Set in 1944 Chicago, the book shows how Clem copes after a tragedy shakes up his family. A powerful story about a boy finding his voice, done in a page-turning style from a terrific storyteller. - Brian



Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte

Ceci has recently moved with her parents from Taiwan to Seattle. Now she misses her A-ma and wants nothing more than to celebrate her grandmother's 70th birthday together, even if it means coming up with money for the flight herself! Enter a junior cooking competition. She just has to manage to keep this plan a secret from her school-obsessed dad. And win. But will her culinary flavors from Taiwan be appreciated by the judges? And might it be possible to make friends with the other competing kid cooks, because she could sure use some! - Jess



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The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

This book is about a boy who discovers he's the son of Poseidon the sea god, and he has to prove his innocence about stealing



the master lightning bolt from Zeus. This book is amazing and has a lot of epic moments and a fun plot.

recommended by Ollie, age 9