

Lerner Publishing Fiction Titles

Lerner YA Fiction LER0263



Title	Item #	Grade Level	Dewey	Release Date	©	List Price	Our Price
A Long Way from Home	LER02720	5	FIC	10/22	22	\$19.99	\$14.99

Twelve-year-old Abby has a lot to worry about: Climate change. The news. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch. And now moving to Florida for her mom's new job at an aerospace company. On the Space Coast, Abby meets two boys, Adam and Bix, who tell her they're "a long way from home" and need her help. Abby discovers they're from the future, from a time when all the problems of the 21st century have been solved. Thrilled, Abby strikes a deal with them: She'll help them—if they let her come to the future with them. But soon Abby is forced to question her attachment to a perfect future and her complicated feelings about the present.

***"A thought-provoking sci-fi novel . . . The tension of the boys' quest will keep readers invested . . . but Abby's situation is equally engrossing."* —The Horn Book Magazine**

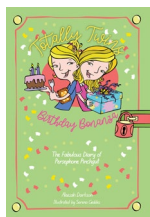
***"A blend of fantasy, science fiction, and coming-of-age, Laura Schaefer's smart middle-grade novel is A Wrinkle in Time for the modern day. From the first gripping page to the clever twist at the end, A Long Way from Home is sure to delight both avid and reluctant readers of all ages. You won't want to miss this remarkable book."* —Karen McQuestion, author of The Watchful Woods series**



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All the Things We Never Said	LER04095	8	FIC	8/23	23	\$20.99	\$15.74

Sixteen-year-old Mehreen is overwhelmed by her anxiety and depression and she doesn't believe anyone in her life will understand if she tries to talk about it. She's been thinking about suicide for a while when she discovers a website called MementoMori.com. The site matches people with partners and assigns them a date on which to end their lives, together. Mehreen is partnered with Cara and Olivia, strangers dealing with their own struggles. But as the girls get to know one another in preparation for their "date of termination" they find themselves developing a strong bond—even becoming friends. For the first time, they're each able to share their darkest secrets with people who won't judge them. They realize that, with the right support systems, life is worth living after all. So they decide to abandon the suicide pact. Except the website won't let them stop. As their assigned "date of termination" draws nearer and MementoMori continues to manipulate them, the girls will have to rely on one another to survive. If you or a loved one is experiencing suicidal thoughts, call or text 988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for free, confidential 24/7 support.

***"Poignantly realistic. Honestly portrays the dark parts of life—and shows that there is hope."* —Kirkus Reviews, starred review**



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Birthday Bonanza	LER02731	2	FIC	10/22	22	\$17.99	\$13.49

Perse and her twin, Portia, are about to turn 11. How will they celebrate their birthday? Will shy Perse want the same outrageous party as Portia? Birthday Bonanza is full of surprises! Follow the next hilarious Totally Twins adventure as Perse and Portia plan their party and receive a few unexpected presents.

***"A fun, emotional, and relatable roller coaster of family ups and downs."* —Kirkus Reviews**



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Creeboy	LER02728	9	FIC	10/22	22	\$27.99	\$20.99

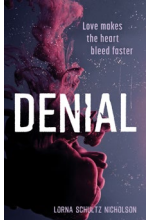
Sixteen-year-old Josh is no stranger to gang life.

His dad, the leader of the Warriors, a gang on their reservation, is in jail and Josh's older brother has taken charge. Josh's mom has made it clear the Warriors and their violence aren't welcome in her home—Josh's dad and brother included. She wants Josh to focus on graduating high school. Josh is unsure whether gang life is for him—that is until gang violence arrives on his doorstep.

Turning to the Warriors, Josh, now known as "Creeboy," starts down the path to becoming a full gang member—cutting himself off from his friends, family and community outside the gang.

It's harder than ever for Creeboy to envision a different future for himself. Will anything change his mind?

***"The resentment and redemption narrative is strong and the action consistent. Recommended."* —School Library Journal**



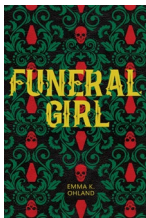
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Denial	LER02729	9	FIC	10/22	22	\$27.99	\$20.99

It's Nova's final year of high school and everything is on track for an amazing year.

She's going to ace all her studies and go on to be a doctor. She's got a spot on the swim team. And she's in love for the first time—with Leo, the captain of the swim team.

But things don't turn out quite like Nova had planned. As her relationship with Leo intensifies, so does her obsession with him and her jealousy over his so-called friendship with another girl. The tighter she tries to hold on to him, the more he seems to pull away. The constant worry about the future of their relationship sends Nova spiraling into depression. Even she can't believe how badly she's handling things now. But could there be another reason for it, one she doesn't even want to admit to herself?

***"Confronts significant contemporary issues in a narrative that never flags. VERDICT Recommended for high school libraries."* —School Library Journal**



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Funeral Girl	LER02723	8	FIC	10/22	22	\$19.99	\$14.99

Sixteen-year-old Georgia Richter feels conflicted about the funeral home her parents run—especially because she has the ability to summon ghosts.

With one touch of any body that passes through Richter Funeral Home, she can awaken the spirit of the departed. With one more touch, she makes the spirit disappear, to a fate that remains mysterious to Georgia. To cope with her deep anxiety about death, she does her best to fulfill the final wishes of the deceased whose ghosts she briefly revives.

Then her classmate Milo's body arrives at Richter—and his spirit wants help with unfinished business, forcing Georgia to reckon with her relationship to grief and mortality.

***"Give Ohland's first novel high marks for its unusual premise and vivid characterization of its imperfect protagonist."* —Booklist**

***"What a stirring, raw, and brave novel this is, to look directly into our deepest fears and refuse to resolve them! Ohland offers her lyrical hand to share anxiety and grief, and to honor those who experience them. Funeral Girl reminds us that we are all of us fragile and human, but also, that none of us ever have to be alone. An extraordinary debut; an extraordinary new voice."* —Saundra Mitchell, author of All the Things We Do in the Dark**



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Gallows Hill	LER04096	6	FIC	8/23	23	\$19.99	\$14.99

Salem, Massachusetts - 1692, Thomas is marked as an outcast the moment he steps off the ship from England. As a Quaker, he's outnumbered and distrusted by Salem's Puritans. And as an orphan without any useful skills, he has nowhere to live and no way to earn his keep. In a stroke of luck—perhaps good, perhaps not—he's taken in by the aged widow Prudence Blevins, who's rumored to be a witch. Patience has tried all her life to be a good Puritan—obedient to God and to her elders—and all her life, she has come up short. But her orderly world is upended when her younger sister, Abigail, falls victim to a mysterious affliction. The same torments have stricken other Salem girls, who claim they're being bewitched by servants of the Devil. Soon the girls, including Abigail, begin accusing neighbors of witchcraft. As the community becomes consumed by suspicion and fear, Thomas and Patience search for the truth. To protect those they care about, they will have to question everything they think they know: their faiths, their loyalties and their places in Salem.

***"Effective historical fiction revisiting a fascinating and complicated time in American history."* —Kirkus Reviews**

***"Through the eyes of her flawed but persevering fictional characters, Lois Ruby paints a vivid picture of prejudice, suspicion, and the cruelty that results from them."* —Mary Downing Hahn, author of What We Saw**



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Hear Me	LER02721	5	FIC	10/22	22	\$19.99	\$14.99

One year after being diagnosed with hearing loss, Rayne’s hearing keeps getting worse, even with aids. It’s a struggle to maintain friendships and keep up in school, surfing is now a wipeout and she can’t understand her favorite singer’s lyrics. But worst of all, Rayne’s parents are pushing for her to get cochlear implants, a surgery Rayne’s not convinced is worth the risks and challenges. Rayne begs her parents to consider other options, but they’re not budging. With the surgery looming, Rayne sets off on a bus journey that forces her to face her own assumptions about what her hearing loss means and what kind of life she could have. With the help of some new friends, Rayne realizes that even though her ears may be broken, she is not.

“Asterisks replace unheard words of dialogue in this moving middle grade novel, based on the author’s own life, that follows an adolescent girl’s struggle with both progressive hearing loss and her parents’ insistence that she get cochlear implants.” —The New York Times

“This empathetic, appealing story highlights Rayne’s journey to self-acceptance while also exploring her complicated but loving family relationships, loyal friendships, and a little romance.” —Booklist



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Mwikali and the Forbidden Mask	LER02727	4	FIC	10/22	22	\$17.99	\$13.49

12-year-old Mwikali is moving to a new school in Nairobi and just wants her life to be normal. But when she meets Soni, Odwar and Xirsi who reveal that she is descended from an ancient bloodline of legendary Kenyan warriors, all hope of a normal life fades. Now, with an array of malign forces massing, Mwikali must delve deep into the past to discover her ancestry, learn to harness her extraordinary powers and enter a race against time to defeat a village elder who has turned to dark magic in an effort to gain ultimate power...

A fantasy adventure that will keep you on the edge of your seat right to the moment of its breathtaking conclusion!

“Mwikali’s path from self-doubt to confidence inspires . . . A heartfelt page-turner.” —Kirkus Reviews

“With its important lessons about self-acceptance and its action-packed scenes of fighting monsters, Mwikali and the Forbidden Mask is a delightful fantasy novel.” —Foreword Reviews, starred review

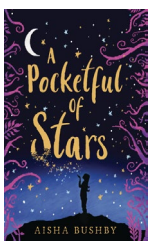


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Night and Dana	LER04097	8	FIC	8/23	23	\$33.32	\$24.99

A creative coming-of-age story for the climate-change generation Dana Drucker fights boredom in her Florida beach town by crafting special-effects makeup—the more gruesome, the better. But when a messy prank with Dana’s best friend Lily gets the wrong kind of attention, the girls have two choices: find a new creative outlet or leave high school without graduating. To save their shot at diplomas, Dana and Lily join a community college film class. It gives Dana a chance to keep practicing her monster makeup, as she and Lily start work on a horror movie inspired by local ocean warming. And a search for filming locations puts Dana in the path of Daphne Ocean, an activist and self-proclaimed water witch—the perfect kind of inspiring outsider. But when filming starts, Dana finds herself growing apart from Lily, who doesn’t seem to need her closest friend much anymore. Soon, tempers are flaring and Dana’s pushing away old friends and her new mentor. But as everything starts going up in flames, Dana also begins to forge her voice. Night and Dana is a creative coming-of-age story for the climate-change era, a graphic novel about making art and growing up when it feels like the world is on fire.

“Davidson gives this relatable coming-of-age tale an alt vibe with a retro, high-contrast color palette similar to newspaper comics and a boldly provocative art style.” —Booklist

“In a retro style reminiscent of Archie comics, Davidson. . . fashions characters who are convincingly relatable.” —Publishers Weekly



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Pocketful of Stars	LER04092	5	FIC	8/23	23	\$19.99	\$14.99

Safiya and her mother have never seen eye to eye. Her mother doesn’t understand Safiya’s love of gaming and shy Safiya doesn’t think she has anything in common with her vibrant, sometimes volatile mother. But when her mother falls into a coma, Safiya’s whole world shifts. She finds herself dreaming about an unfamiliar setting and a rebellious girl who’s distinctly familiar. Gradually she realizes that she’s experiencing her mother’s memories of her childhood in Kuwait. As Safiya unlocks these memories the way she would unlock levels in a game, she finds a path to accepting loss and embracing who she is—someone not so different from her mother after all.

“The scenes in Kuwait are lovingly rendered, informed by Bushby’s own childhood there and marked by her signature magical touch. Middle-grade readers will relate to Saff’s journey to newfound confidence and the joy of finding friends who love you for who you are. Back matter includes resources for teens dealing with grief and bullying.” —Booklist

“Bushby writes with nuance and skill about a mother-daughter relationship fraught with misunderstanding, and Safiya’s eventual realizations are equal parts uplifting and heartbreaking. A poignantly written novel that is hard to put down and even harder to forget.” —Kirkus Reviews

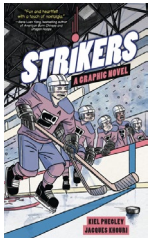


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Starlet Rivals	LER02726	4	FIC	10/22	22	\$17.99	\$13.49

Twelve-year-old Bela has always dreamed about becoming a famous Bollywood star and now the opportunity might finally be within her grasp. When a reality TV show gives her the chance to dance in front of the nation, she knows that she is performing for a place at the most prestigious stage school in Mumbai. Can Bela win the Dance Starz competition to score a place at the Bollywood Academy and move one step closer to her dreams of stardom? And will child star Monica, the most “in” girl at school, see her as a friend or a rival?

“Fans of dance and show business will enjoy this look into Bollywood and cheer for Bela as she starts to finds her way in this new world.” —School Library Journal

“This series opener sets the stage for more glamorous adventures.” —Kirkus Review

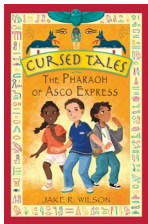


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Strikers	LER04094	4	FIC	8/23	23	\$31.99	\$23.99

Evan just wants to win a game. Bobby would rather fight than win. Hockey—and life—keep handing them both losses. Their team, the Strikers, has a roster of rejects in hand-me-down coats but lacks good equipment, a deep bench and a coach who shows up on time. Their town of Flint, Michigan, has been down on its luck their whole lives. The boys may not understand each other, but together, they’ll find their reasons to keep taking the ice. Strikers is a hilarious, hard hitting and moving story about how to stay on your skates when you only see L’s in your future.

“While the story spends a lot of time on the ice with both games and practice, the interpersonal relationships, razzing, and camaraderie among the characters draw more attention. . . Readers who like their sports comics with both lots of action and vivid emotional dynamics are the best audience for this.” —Booklist

“As the team bonds on and off the ice . . . they find support and stability in their relationships with one another while striving to get that elusive W.” —Publishers Weekly



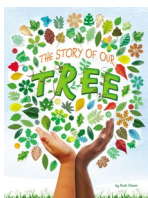
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The Pharaoh of Asco Express	LER02730	2	FIC	10/22	22	\$17.99	\$13.49

Whatever happens, no matter what, DO NOT step into Asco Express because you might just end up leaving with more than you bargained for . . .

When 11-year-old Wesley stops by at a mysterious local shop to buy a drink, he does not realize the trouble he is getting himself into. Cursed by the fiendish Pharaoh Akahten IX, Wesley and his friends, Marishana and Aiden, must solve the evil spell quickly or be trapped for all eternity!

Cursed Tales is a brand-new series bringing ancient scares to life. Readers BEWARE—this story will leave you wrapped up and wanting your mummy! Perfect for young readers who love their histories and mysteries.

“A spine-tingling, magical adventure!” —Professor Alice Roberts; anatomist and biological anthropologist, author and broadcaster



Title	Item #	Grade Level	Dewey	Release Date	©	List Price	Our Price
The Story of Our Tree	LER02732	2	FIC	10/22	22	\$23.99	\$17.99

Two groups of fiends. Two tiny seedlings. And one BIG dream of a greener, tree-filled future.

This engaging, science-packed picture book follows two very different groups of young friends as they each plant a tree and then share their excitement through a series of pen pal letters.

In the USA, five friends plant an acorn that grows into an oak tree seedling. They learn about their tree’s life cycle and how it will become an ecosystem that gives food and a home to birds, insects and other animals. In Senegal, Africa, five friends plant an acacia tree as part of Africa’s Great Green Wall Project. They learn how their tree will nourish the soil, trap water, shade the hot land and help their village grow crops. Both groups of friends also discover that their trees will help fight climate change!

A narrative story supported with high-interest science fact boxes

Perfect for nonfiction reading

Supports curriculum learning about plant life cycles Includes a “Plant an Oak Tree” project

Beautiful mixed media images using illustration, photos and collage

This uplifting celebration of trees will encourage young readers to not only notice, value and enjoy these giants of the plant kingdom, but also want to plant a tree themselves.

“An upbeat read-aloud choice that presents information while encouraging global awareness.” —Booklist

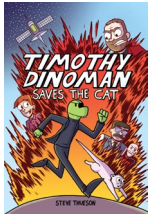


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The Summer Between Us	LER02724	9	FIC	10/22	22	\$27.99	\$20.99

This coming-of-age story follows 18-year-old Adrian Carter as he graduates from high school and confronts difficult decisions about his future.

As Adrian navigates the emotional highs and lows of the summer between graduation and his future, he gains awareness of the way his Blackness impacts the way he moves through majority-white spaces and negotiates the difficulties of forging a path in life against others' expectations.

Dealing with common themes from the nuanced perspective of a biracial teen, this story tackles contemporary social issues such as class difference, colorism in the Black community and the structural barriers limiting access to post-secondary education for Black youth.



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Timothy Dinoman Saves the Cat	LER02725	4	FIC	10/22	22	\$30.65	\$22.99

Timothy Dinoman is on the trail of a stolen satellite! To learn what these suspected supervillains want with outer-space tech, the world's nicest iguanodon will visit a mountain fortress, a giant blimp and a diner with excellent pancakes. On the way, he'll even meet a really cute cat. Grab your rocket boots and your fake mustache—it's time to crack the case with Timothy!

***"Uncomplicated paneling streamlines the plot, and bold color palettes vividly capture adrenaline-fueled fight sequences in this quirky adventure."* —Publishers Weekly**

***"Action-packed, save-the-world drama mixed with humor and heart."* —Kirkus Reviews**



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Torch	LER02722	8	FIC	10/22	22	\$19.99	\$14.99

Three teens struggle to carve out futures for themselves under a totalitarian regime.

Czechoslovakia, 1969

Seventeen-year-old Pavol has watched his country's freedoms disappear in the wake of the Soviet Union's invasion. He's seen his own dreams disappear too. In a desperate, fatal act of protest against the oppressive new government, he sets himself on fire in public, hoping to motivate others to fight for change.

Instead, Pavol's death launches a government investigation into three of his closest friends. Štěpán finds his Olympic hockey ambitions jeopardized and must conceal his sexual orientation from authorities who could use it against him. Tomáš has already been accused of "antisocial" behavior because he struggles to follow the unwritten rules of everyday interactions and now he must work even harder to meet the expectations of his father, the regional leader of the communist party. And aspiring film director Lída, Pavol's girlfriend, is pregnant with his child, which brands her a traitor by association and upends all her plans.

With their futures hanging in the balance, all three must decide whether to keep struggling to survive in the country Pavol died hoping to save . . . or risk a perilous escape to the other side.

Notable Book for a Global Society Award 2023

***"A masterful, taut, and emotionally rich historical novel that is heartrending and essential reading for our present political climate."* —School Library Journal, starred review**

***"This story of revolutionary hope confronts dehumanizing forces through its resilient characters' deeply held friendships. An astonishing and gripping read."* —Booklist, starred review**

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