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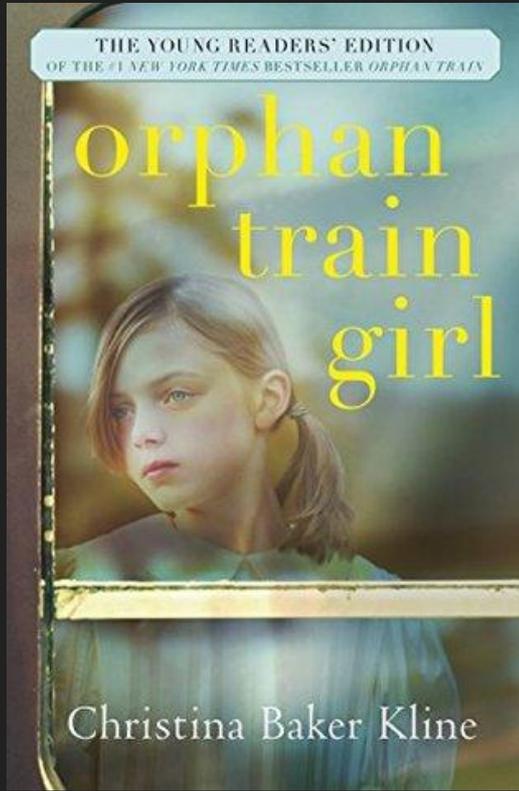
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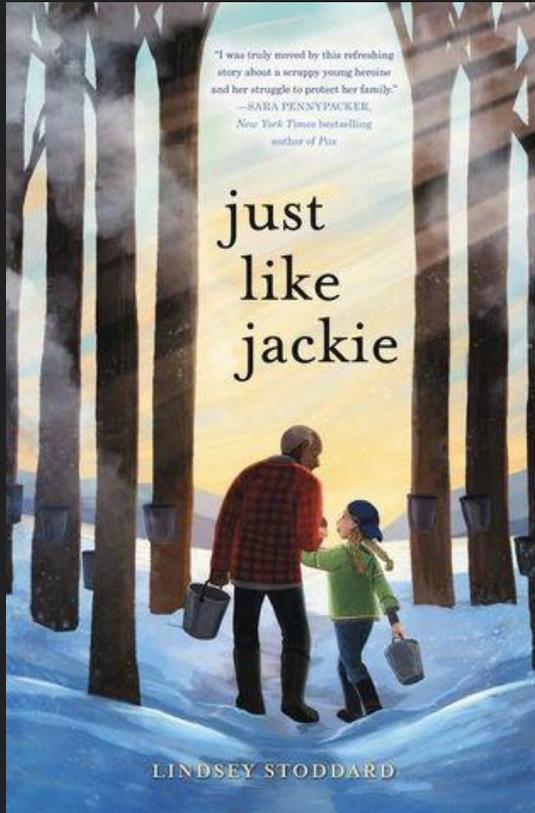
Orphan Girl Train: Young Readers Edition



Sponsored by Mrs. Andreozzi

This young readers' edition follows a twelve-year-old foster girl who forms an unlikely bond with an elderly woman. Molly Ayer has been in foster care since she was eight years old. Most of the time, Molly knows it's her attitude that's the problem, but after being shipped from one family to another, she's had her fair share of adults treating like she does not matter. So when Molly's forced to help a wealthy elderly woman clean out her attic for community service, Molly is wary. But from the moment they meet, Molly realizes that Vivian isn't like any of the adults she's encountered before. Vivian asks Molly questions about her life and actually listens to the answers. Soon Molly sees they have more in common than she thought. Vivian was once an orphan, too—an Irish immigrant to New York City who was put on a so-called "orphan train" to the Midwest with hundreds of other children—and she can understand, better than anyone else, the emotional binds that have been making Molly's life so hard. Together, they not only clear boxes of past mementos from Vivian's attic, but forge a path of friendship, forgiveness, and new beginnings.

Just Like Jackie

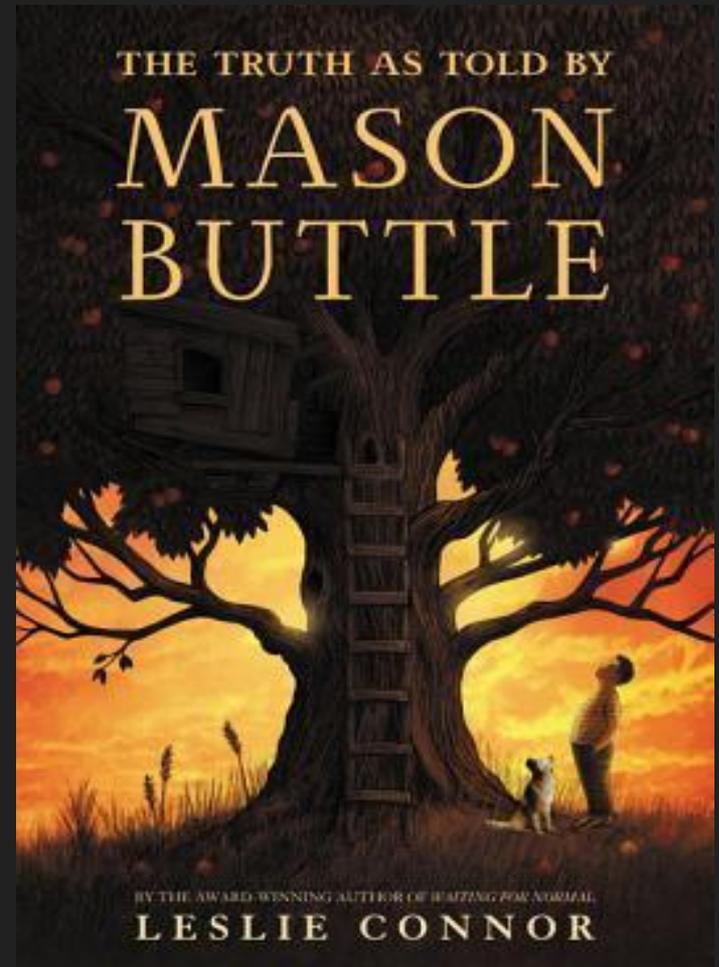


For as long as Robinson Hart can remember, it's just been her and Grandpa. Robbie knows they look like an odd pair, because her blond hair and pale skin don't match his dark complexion—but those differences don't mean anything to her. And though she wishes Grandpa would tell her more about the rest of her family, she's learned over the years that he doesn't like to talk about the past. But Grandpa's memory is starting to get bad, and Robbie's worried that soon he won't remember their family—including her—at all. She's sure that he would get better if she could stay out of trouble, but it's hard to keep her fists to herself when bullies like Alex Carter make fun of her for not having a mom or for looking so different from Grandpa. It's up to Robbie to learn how to deal with her anger and to keep her family together.

Sponsored by Ms. Stephanie Broach

Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are made worse by the loss of his best friend, Benny, who turned up dead in the family's orchard. An investigation drags on, and Mason, honest as the day is long, can't understand why the cops won't believe the story he has told about that day. Both Mason and his new friend, tiny Calvin, are relentlessly bullied by the other boys in their neighborhood, so they create an underground club space for themselves. When Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. He's desperate to figure out what happened to Calvin, and eventually, Benny. But will anyone believe him? From the popular author of *Waiting for Normal* and *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*, Leslie Connor, comes a beautifully crafted story about self-reliance, redemption, and hope.

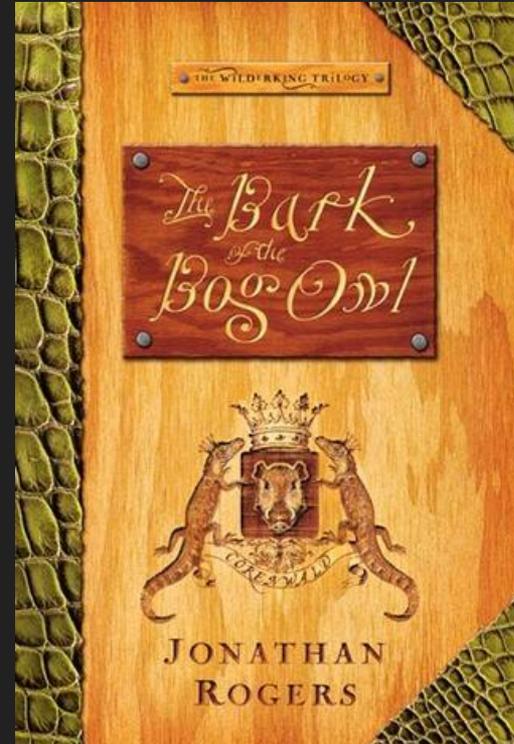
Sponsored by Sister Mary Jacinta



The Bark of the Bog Owl, as the author says, will help “direct a God-fearing boy’s sense of adventure and warrior spirit – his God-given wildness.” Perfect for a summer read for boys and girls, it tells the story of Aiden the youngest son of a rich man. Aiden prefers the quiet life he spends with the sheep and other animals of his father’s farm. However he is the chosen one- the one who is prophesied to defeat an age old enemy. With echoes of the biblical character, David, this first book in The Wilderking Trilogy is sure to capture the hearts of young and old, boys and girls alike. It is written in the same fashion as The Lord of the Rings and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Sponsored by Sister Gianna

BARK OF THE BOG OWL The Wilderking Series#1



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Ghost

Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who, when Ghost was a very little boy, chased him and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, wanting to do them bodily harm. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems—and running away from them—until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, literally and figuratively, he could be the best sprinter in the city. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed, or will his past finally catch up to him? But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun. Can Ghost harness his raw talent for speed and meld with the team, or will his past finally catch up to him?

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Flying in a Cage

“A song tugs inside me, like a string pulling on my heart. It wants to fly free.”

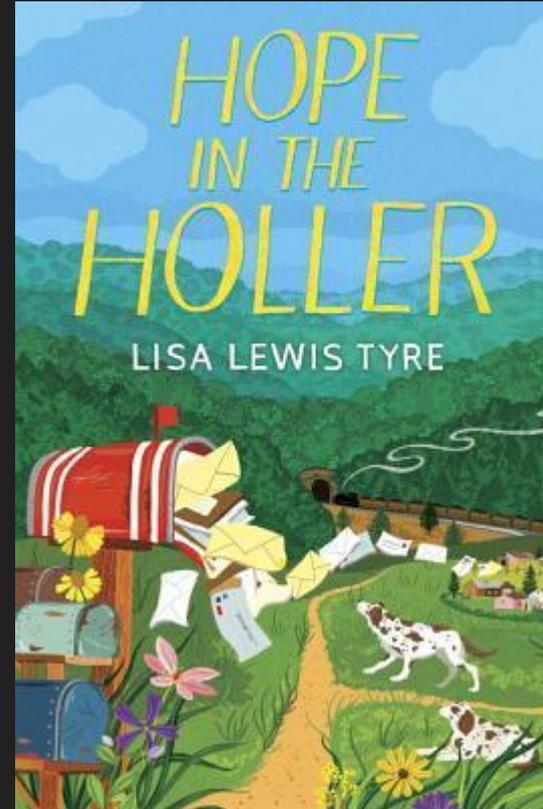
Ivory Strade lives in a world of song. As she goes to school, as she eats breakfast, as she walks down the road, she creates melodies in her mind. Every sound she hears – a distant birdsong, the wind in the trees – becomes a symphony. No one knows about her music because Ivory is not like other young girls. When people speak to her, it's difficult for her to untangle the words in her mind and she retreats into her own private world. Without the words to explain what she hears, the music stays trapped inside her until, one day, an amazing music teacher shows her how to set her music free. Fans of Sharon Draper's *Out of My Mind* will enjoy this novel-in-verse that follows a young girl who finds her place despite her differences.

Sponsored by Mrs. Khan



Right before Wavie's mother died, she gave Wavie a list of instructions to help her find her way in life, including this one: "Be brave, Wavie B! You got as much right to a good life as anybody, so find it!" But little did Wavie's mom know that events would conspire to bring Wavie back to Conley Hollow, the Appalachian hometown her mother tried to leave behind. Now Wavie's back in the Holler--and in the clutches of her Aunt Samantha Rose. Life with the devilish Samantha Rose and her revolting cousin Hoyt is no picnic, but there's real pleasure in sleeping in her mother's old bed, and making friends with the funny, easygoing kids her aunt calls the "neighborhood-no-accounts." With their help, Wavie just might be able to prevent her aunt from becoming her legal guardian, and find her courage and place in the world.

Hope in the Holler

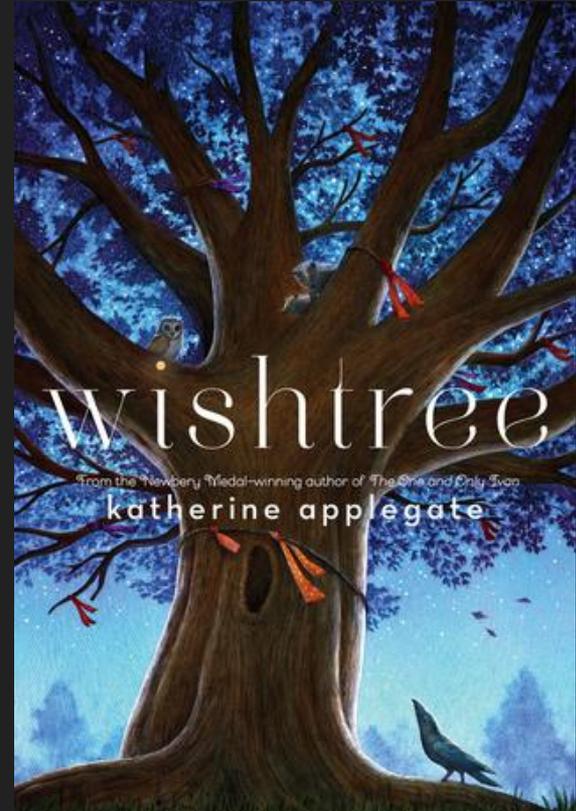


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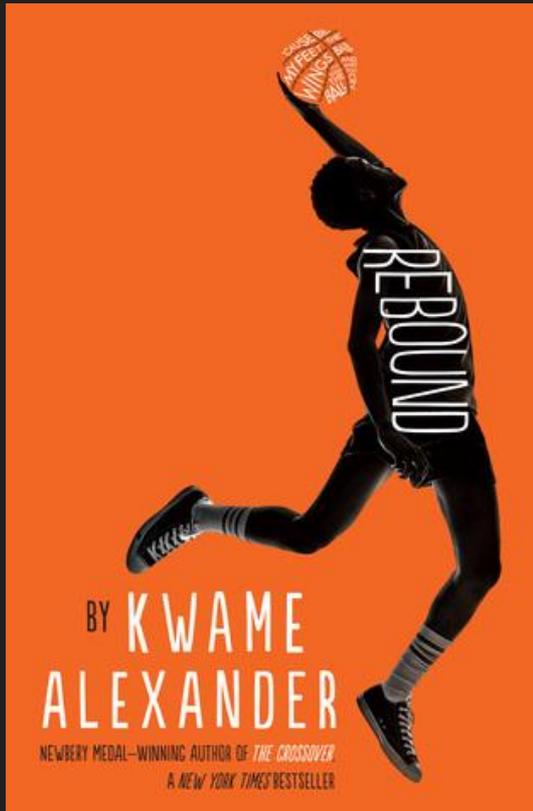
Red is an oak tree who is 'many rings old'. Red is also the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this "wishtree" watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, as the new family comes from a far away, war torn land. This is when Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. An absolutely beautiful story that touches on a sensitive topic so relevant to our lives today, this is about an instance of hate aimed at a Muslim family -- a boy carves the word "LEAVE" into their tree -- but the author handles the incident gently. We never meet the boy who did it, and the community uses the opportunity to welcome the family. Applegate has created this friendship story and laced it with factual information about trees and animals. The story, narrated by a talking tree, has talking animals, short chapters, and sweet black-and-white illustrations scattered throughout, making it a perfect choice for summer reading.

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The Wish Tree



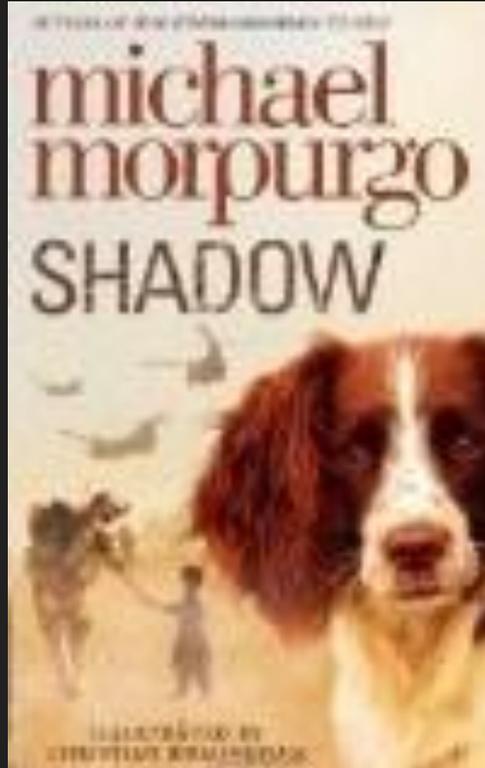
Rebound



Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. In this prequel to Newbery Medal winner *The Crossover*, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to. Fans of Kwame Alexander will enjoy reading about Chuck Bell, the super star dad of the twins from *Crossover*. Another great read written in verse, just like the *Crossover* and *Booked*.

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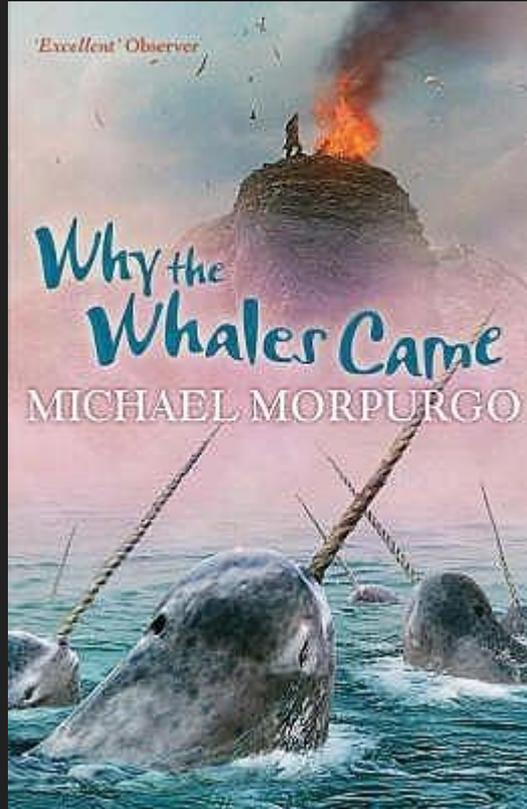
Shadow



Michael Morpurgo touches our hearts again with this beautiful story of a boy, his lost dog, and the lengths he would go to be reunited. This timely story of battle-scarred Afghanistan delivers a masterful portrait of war, love, and friendship. With the horrors of war bearing down on them, Aman and his mother are barely surviving in an Afghan cave, and staying there any longer will end horribly. The only comfort Aman has is Shadow, the loyal spaniel that shows up from places unknown, it seems, just when Aman needs him most. Aman, his mother, and Shadow finally leave the destroyed cave in hopes of escaping to England, but are held at a checkpoint, and Shadow runs away after being shot at by the police. Aman and his mother escape--without Shadow. Aman is heart-broken. Just as they are getting settled as free citizens in England, they are imprisoned in a camp with locked doors and a barbed wire fence. Their only hope is Aman's classmate Matt, his grandpa, and the dream of finding his lost dog. After all, you never lose your shadow.

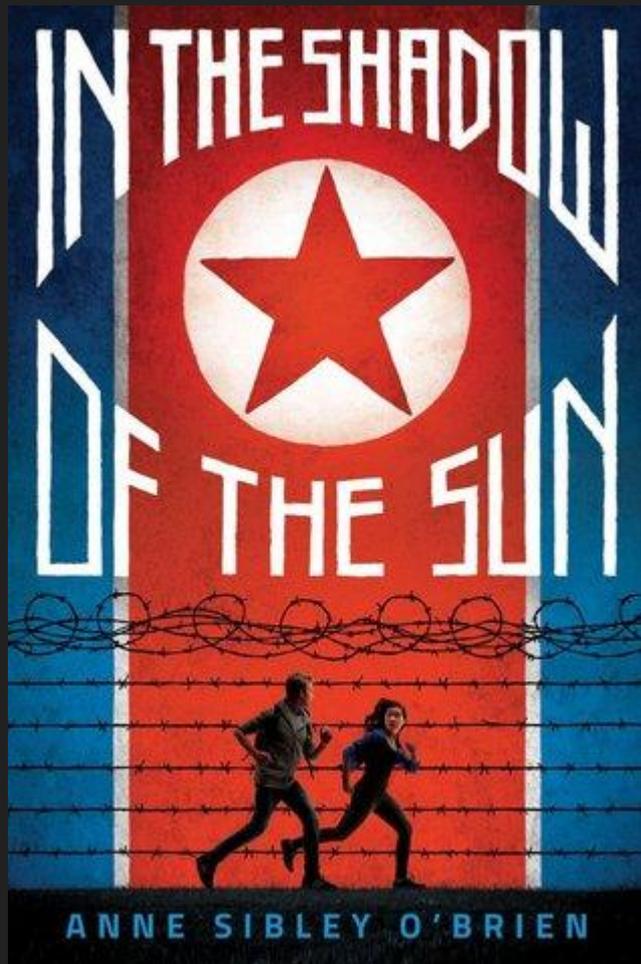
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Why the Whales Came



Gracie and her friend Daniel have always been warned to stay away from the Birdman and his side of the island. But then they find a message in the sand and discover the Birdman is not who they thought. They build up a lovely friendship with him, but when the children get stranded on Samson Island they don't know whether to believe the birdman's story that the island is cursed. Set in Sicily against the backdrop of World War I, in the tradition of Michael Morpurgo, (*War Horse*, *Waiting for the Moon*) brings the emotional reality of conflict to life in a way that is accessible to all readers.

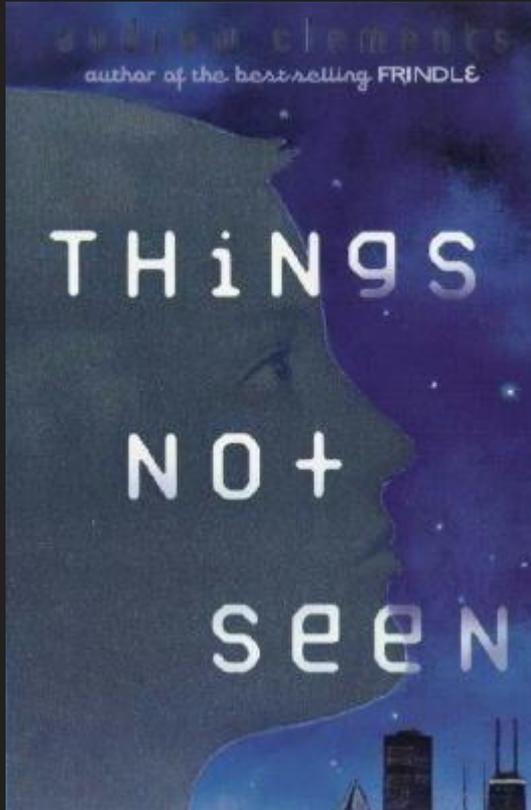
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A family holiday goes badly awry, leaving two siblings racing for freedom in a totalitarian nation armed with little more than an outdated guidebook and a few packets of airline peanuts. Adopted from South Korea as an infant by a white Connecticut family, 12-year-old Mia has grown up feeling conspicuously different from her family and peers. To help heal the rift from a serious fight with her older brother, Simon, and to encourage Mia to connect with her cultural roots, the teens travel with their father to North Korea, a country he knows well as a foreign aid worker. Mundane sightseeing gives way to danger following Mia's discovery of a cellphone containing shocking photos from a prison camp and her father's abduction by authorities. Simon and Mia embark on a daring cross-country journey in an effort to reach safety and alert authorities to their father's plight.

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Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements



Bobby Phillips is an average fifteen-year-old boy. Until the morning he wakes up and can't see himself in the mirror. Not blind, not dreaming. Bobby is just plain invisible...There doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to Bobby's new condition; even his dad the physicist can't figure it out. For Bobby that means no school, no friends, no life. He's a missing person. Then he meets Alicia. She's blind, and Bobby can't resist talking to her, trusting her. But people are starting to wonder where Bobby is. Bobby knows that his invisibility could have dangerous consequences for his family and that time is running out. He has to find out how to be seen again before it's too late.

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You are welcome to read as many as you like. But you can attend only ONE session when we return in August.

Enjoy your summer....keep reading!!

