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Middle School



A Night Divided

With the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta finds her family suddenly divided. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother, who had gone west in search of work, cannot return home. Will Gerta and her family find their way to freedom? 366 pages



The Scourge

The story centers on Ani Mells, who lives in a land beset by a terrible disease called the Scourge. There is no known cure, and it's believed to be contagious. So when she is diagnosed with it, she is immediately sent to a quarantine island to live out the rest of her life. Her best friend, Weevil, fakes his symptoms so that he can come along and make sure she is okay. They meet new friends, make new enemies, and uncover a secret on the island far more dangerous than the disease itself. 368 pages



The Traitor's Game - Coming Feb. 27, 2018

A privileged girl is forced by the rebellion to obtain the one item capable of bringing down her own country, but ends up discovering a secret far more dangerous.

The Ascendance Trilogy



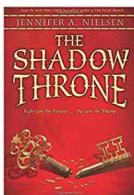
The False Prince: Book 1 of The Ascendance Trilogy

Choose to lie...or choose to die. In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, a nobleman of the court, devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are chosen to compete for the nobleman's approval. Layer upon layer of treachery and deceit unfold, until finally, a truth is revealed that, in the end, may very well prove more dangerous than all of the lies taken together. 352 pages



The Runaway King: Book 2 of The Ascendance Trilogy

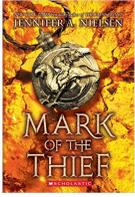
Just weeks after Jaron has taken the throne, an assassination attempt forces him into a deadly situation. Rumors of a coming war are winding their way between the castle walls. Soon, it becomes clear that deserting the kingdom may be his only hope of saving it. Will he ever be able to return home again? Or will he have to sacrifice his own life in order to save his kingdom? 352 pages



The Shadow Throne: Book 3 of The Ascendance Trilogy

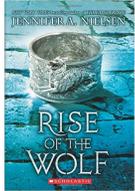
War has come to Carthya. When Jaron learns that a rival kingdom has kidnapped Imogen in a plot to bring Carthya to its knees, Jaron knows it is up to him to embark on a daring rescue mission. In a last-ditch effort to stave off what looks to be a devastating loss for the kingdom, Jaron undertakes what may be his last journey to save everything and everyone he loves. But even with his lightning-quick wit, Jaron cannot forestall the terrible danger that descends on him and his country. 336 pages

Mark of the Thief Trilogy



Mark of the Thief: Book 1 of the Mark of the Thief Trilogy

When Nic, a slave in the mines outside of Rome, is forced to enter a cavern containing the lost treasures of Julius Caesar, he discovers an amulet filled with a magic once reserved for the Gods. Nic suddenly finds himself at the center of a ruthless conspiracy to overthrow the Roman emperor and spark the Praetor War. In a quest to stop the rebellion, save Rome, and secure his own freedom, Nic must harness the magic within himself and defeat the empire's most powerful and savage leaders. 352 pages



Rise of the Wolf: Book 2 of the Mark of the Thief Trilogy

Nic may have escaped enslavement in the mines outside of Rome, but his troubles are far from over. The Praetor War -- the battle to destroy Rome from within -- is in full force, and Nic is caught in the crossfire. The secretive Praetors are determined to unlock a powerful amulet -- one sure to bring the empire to its knees. Worse, the Praetors believe Nic holds the key to finding this amulet, and they will stop at nothing to steal it, even if that means harming the people Nic holds most dear. 352 pages



Wrath of the Storm: Book 3 of the Mark of the Thief Trilogy

Trouble has a way of seeking out Nicolas Calva, and it's not likely to leave him alone any time soon. With Caesar's magic bulla, the Malice of Mars, and the possibility of a Jupiter Stone in play, all the powers of Rome are circling Nic. He'll have to maneuver his way through scheming government officials and reawakened magical beasts to save the Empire. 352 pages

Multi-Author Series

Horizon Series



Horizon: Deadzone (Book 2 of 7) – Available 9/12/17

The survivors have made it out of the jungle, but they may be sorry they ever left when they stumble upon a whole new ecosystem, populated with entirely new threats. And the greatest threat of all may come from within. Because one of the kids is changing... 208 pages

Infinity Ring Series



Infinity Ring: Behind Enemy Lines (Book 6 of 8)

Fix the past. Save the future.

Dak, Sera, and Riq involve themselves in one of the most bizarre spy missions in history . . . and the outcome of World War II hangs in the balance. 192 pages