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MS. RAPSCOTT’S GIRLS
BY ELISE PRIMAVERA
ADVENTURE; HUMOR
GRADES 3-5
Where do girls with incredibly busy parents go? To the Great Rapscott School for Girls of Busy Parents, of course! There they learn how to find their way through lessons like “How to Grow a Carrot” and “Getting Lost on Purpose.” If you’re looking for a funny read, try this next.

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NOTORIOUS
BY GORDON KORMAN
MYSTERY
GRADES 4
Keenan goes to live on a tiny island in Canada with his father where he meets Zarabeth, a lonely girl with a passion for gangster history and finding the treasure she believes is buried on the island. Full of humor, history and adventure, this is a well-written mystery with a surprising ending.
Ms. Deb loves this book!

OTHER WORDS FOR HOME
BY JASMINE WARGA
REALISTIC FICTION
GRADES 4-5
When Jude and her mom have to leave Syria and move to America to be safer, her whole life changes. This book in verse follows Jude’s first year in America making new friends, trying new foods, and learning who she is. If you like stories about friendship, definitely give this a try.

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EACH TINY SPARK
BY PABLO CARTAYA
REALISTIC FICTION
GRADES 4-5
Navigating the different expectations of the people in her life, sixth grader Emilia demonstrates bravery while trying to heal her relationships. This is a wonderful story of empathy, activism, and the importance of family and community.

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT
BY CAROLYN MACKLER
REALISTIC FICTION
GRADES 4
Best friends and fifth-graders Willa and Ruby think that they know each other well, but their friendship is put to the test when their divorced parents start dating... each other! Will the girls' secrets and their parents' love life bring them closer together, or tear them apart?

PODKIN ONE-EAR
BY KIERAN LARWOOD
ANIMAL FANTASY
GRADES 4-5
In a world where rabbits talk, Podkin escapes from the evil Gorm rabbits after they invade his village and kill his father. He and his siblings face many challenges as they try to survive and fight to free the rest of their clan who have been enslaved by the villainous Gorm.

I, COSMO
BY CARLIE SOROSIAK
ANIMAL STORY
GRADE 4
When Max's family life grows tumultuous, Cosmo is determined to cheer him up by winning the local canine dance contest. But can this old dog learn new tricks? This story told in Cosmo's own words is full of both heart and hilarity. Ms. Lindsay loves this book!

THE SEASON OF STYX MALONE
BY KEKLA MAGOON
REALISTIC FICTION
GRADES 4-5
Caleb and his older brother, Bobby Green, have a long summer ahead of them filled with chores in the boring suburbs of Indiana. But when cool kid Styx Malone enters the scene, their summer suddenly becomes filled with intrigue, danger, and adventure.

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