The True Meaning of Smekday by Adam Rex
J FIC Rex
When her mother is abducted by aliens on Christmas Eve (or "Smekday" Eve since the Boov invasion), Tip hops in the family car and heads south to find her. With the help of a Boov mechanic, she saves the planet from disaster. (Grades 4-8)

Above World by Jenn Reese J FIC Reese
In a future of high tech and genetic modification, the Coral Kampii, like legendary mermaids, live isolated from the Above World. But when their breathing devices start to fail, Aluna and Hoku must go Above World to find help. (Grades 5-8)

Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow by James Rollins J FIC Rollins
Middle-schooler Jake and his older sister Kady are transported by a Mayan artifact to a strange world inhabited by a mix of people from long-lost civilizations who are threatened by prehistoric creatures and an evil alchemist. (Grades 5-9)

Escape From Planet Yastol by Pamela Service J FIC Service
Joshua Higgins’s prize-winning science fiction novel draws the attention of sinister blue aliens who capture Josh and his sister Maggie and take them to the planet Yastol. (Grades 4-6)

The Doom Machine by Mark Teague J FIC Teague
When a spaceship lands in a small town in 1956, Jack Creedle and Isadora Shumway form an alliance to keep a group of extraterrestrials from stealing Uncle Bud's space travel machine. (Grades 4-7)

Time Snatchers by Richard Unger J FIC Unger
Caleb is a “time snatcher” who travels through history stealing valuable artifacts from the past for high-paying clients of his ruthless guardian. (Grades 5-8)

The Boy at the End of the World by Greg Van Eekhout J FIC VanEekhout
Born half-grown in a world that is being destroyed, Fisher has instinctive knowledge of many things, including that he must avoid the robot that knows his name. (Grades 5-7)

Who Goes Home by Sylvia Waugh J FIC Waugh
On his 13th birthday, Jacob learns a secret about his birth and becomes involved in his father's work to protect other beings from the planet Ormingat who live on Earth. (Grades 4-7)

Earthborn by Sylvia Waugh J FIC Waugh
Upon learning that her parents are researchers from another planet and they must leave in seven days or risk discovery, 12-year-old Nesta decides to stay on Earth. (Grades 4-7)

Six Days by Philip Webb J FIC Webb
Cass and her brother Wilbur scavenge in the ruins of a future London seeking an artifact for their Russian masters, but the search takes on a new urgency after the arrival of Erin and Peyto, strangers who claim to hold the key to locating the mysterious object. (Grades 5-8)

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**Cosmic** by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
*J FIC Boyce*  
Super-sized, 11-year-old Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing against adults for the chance to go into space. *(Grades 4-7)*

**Atherton** by Patrick Carman  
*J FIC Carman*  
Edgar, an eleven-year-old orphan, finds a book that reveals significant secrets about Atherton, the strictly divided world on which he lives. *(Teens)*

**What We Found in the Sofa and How It Changed the World** by Henry Clark  
*J FIC Clark*  
Finding a rare zucchini-colored crayon leads 12-year-old River Monroe and his friends on an adventure with their eccentric neighbor to save Earth from invading interstellar storm troopers. *(Grades 5-8)*

**Green Boy** by Susan Cooper  
*J FIC Cooper*  
Trey and his brother Lou cross the barrier between two worlds—that of their island and a land called Pangaia—and play a mysterious role in restoring the natural environment in both. *(Grades 4-7)*

**Boom** by Mark Haddon  
*J FIC Haddon*  
When Jim and Charlie overhear two teachers talking in a strange language, the two set out to find out what’s going on. But are they prepared for what they discover? *(Grades 5-8)*

**The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer Holm  
*J FIC Holm*  
Ellie misses 5th grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dead goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He’s bossy. He’s cranky. And he looks a lot like Ellie’s grandfather, a scientist who’s always been obsessed with immortality. Could this boy be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth? *(Grades 5-7)*

**Mike Stellar: Nerves of Steel** by K.A. Holt  
*J FIC Holt*  
Mike is suspicious when his family joins an expedition to Mars at the last minute, and his fears are confirmed when all of the adults on the colonizing mission, including his parents, begin to act strangely. *(Grades 4-6)*

**The Iron Giant** by Ted Hughes  
*J FIC Hughes*  
The iron giant becomes a hero when he challenges a huge space monster. *(Grades 2-6)*

**A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L’Engle  
*[Newbery]*  
*J FIC L’Engle*  
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers in a search for Meg’s father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government. *(Grades 4-8)*

**The Giver** by Lois Lowry  
*[Newbery]*  
*J FIC Lowry*  
Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories and discovers a terrible truth about his society. *(Grades 5-8)*

**Herbert’s Wormhole** by Peter Nelson  
*J FIC Nelson*  
When almost-sixth-grader Alex is forced on a playdate with his neighbor Herbert, the two travel to the 22nd century and face off against aliens, who are not as nice as most think. *(Grades 3-6)*