Crunch by Kayla Miller - GRAPHIC J MIL
It's no secret that Olive loves trying new things. Between taking guitar lessons, making a short film, joining Berry Scouts, and leading the charge on her school's dress code reform, Olive has her hands full! But she enjoys being busy, so staying on track with her jam-packed schedule should be no problem...right? As weeks fly by, it gets harder and harder for Olive to find time for her activities, never mind time for herself. Will she be able to accomplish her goals, or will all her sizzle turn to fizzle?

Stepping Stones by Lucy Knisley - GRAPHIC J KNI
Jen moves out to the country and has to put up with her mom and her mom's new boyfriend, as well as his kids. Suddenly part of a larger family in a new place, Jen isn't sure there is a place for her in this different world.

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas - GRAPHIC J CHR
Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. The thought of swimming makes Bree more than a little queasy, yet she's forced to dive headfirst into one of her greatest fears. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.

Awkward by Svetlana Chmakova - GRAPHIC J CHM
After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

"Winning is not always about shining the brightest. Sometimes it's about sharing the light with someone who has been waiting in the shadows all along."

Save Me A Seat, Sarah Weeks
the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during

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Sadiq and the Desert Star by Siman Nuurali - CHAPTER NUU
Sadiq's father is going on a business trip, but before he goes he tells Sadiq a story of the Desert Star, which fits in perfectly with Sadiq's third grade class field trip to the planetarium, and inspires Sadiq to build a simple telescope to study the stars when his father returns.

Operation Sisterhood by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich - JF RNU
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Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks - JF WEE
Ravi, who has just moved to America from India, and Joe, who is learning disabled, gain strength from each other as they struggle to navigate middle school, family relationships, and friendships.

Wink: Surviving Middle School with One Eye Open by Rob Harrell - JF HAR
After being diagnosed with rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive treatment and middle school.

If You Read This by Kereen Getten - JF GET
When Brie was younger, her mama used to surprise her with treasure hunts around their island town. After she died three years ago, these became Brie’s favorite memories. Now, on her twelfth birthday, her mama has another surprise: a series of letters leading Brie on one last treasure hunt. The first letter guides Brie to a special place. The next urges her to unlock a secret. And the last letter will change life as she knows it.

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt - JF HUN
Ally fears that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn’t know how to read.

Eggs by Jory P. Spinelli - JF SPI
Mourning the loss of his mother, nine-year-old David forms an unlikely friendship with independent, quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose, as the two help each other deal with what is missing in their lives.

We’re all connected to each other. We all breathe the same air into our lungs. None of us are immune to each other’s problems, that’s why we have to care about each other.