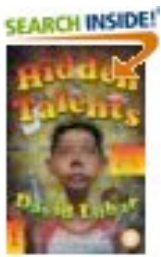
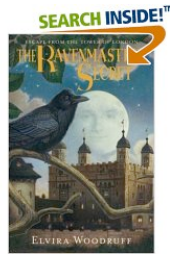


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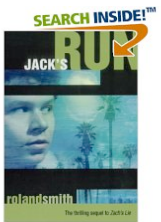
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Title: Hidden Talents
Author: David Lubar
Summary: Edgeview Alternative School represents the end of the line for Martin Anderson. At 13, he's been kicked out of every school in his district, and feels more than a little skeptical about making a new start in this lonely, gray place. Still, he begins to establish tentative friendships.



Title: The Ravenmaster's Secret
Author: Elvira Woodruff
Summary: An absorbing historical adventure with a unique and colorful setting. Eleven-year-old Forrest lives at the Tower of London, where his father is Ravenmaster, the yeoman warder whose job is to guard prisoners and care for the famous ravens that live within the walls.



Title: Jack's Run
Author: Roland Smith
Summary: In Zack's Lie (2001), after Jack's dad's arrest for drug trafficking, the family entered the Witness Security Program. As the story picks up in this action-packed sequel, Jack arrives in Los Angeles to stay with his college-age sister, Joanne, only to find that she has foolishly blown their cover.



Title: Chasing Vermeer
Author: Blue Balliett and Brett Helquist
Summary: A Vermeer painting is stolen. Petra and Calder, two bright, quirky sixth-graders, come together to solve the crime that has the whole world baffled. Going beyond a simple mystery, this story explores the meaning of art and the nature of coincidence.



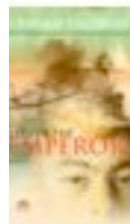
Title: Code Talker
Author: Joseph Bruchac
Summary: In the measured tones of a Native American storyteller, Bruchac assumes the persona of a Navajo grandfather telling his grandchildren about his World War II experiences. Protagonist Ned Begay starts with his early schooling at an Anglo boarding school, where the Navajo language is forbidden, and continues through his Marine career as a "code talker," explaining his long silence until "de-classified" in 1969.



Title: Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly
Author: Gail Levine
Summary: Levine, best known for Ella Enchanted (1997), offers middle-graders ideas about making their own writing take flight. Among the topics she covers are shaping characters, beginnings and endings, revising, and finding ideas. But the best part of Levine's book is her honesty as she shares with children the truth that there are no perfect books, that rejection can be as useful as success, and that you thank the creative part of you by using the ideas that it sends.



Title: Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment
Author: James Patterson
Summary: Fourteen-year-old Maximum Ride, better known as Max, knows what it's like to soar above the world. She and all the members of the "Flock"--Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman and Angel--are just like ordinary kids--only they have wings and can fly. It may seem like a dream come true to some, but their lives can morph into a living nightmare at any time.



Title: Eyes of the Emperor
Author: Graham Salisbury
Summary: Salisbury continues to make his mark by bringing alive the time in Hawaii when the U.S. entered World War II. Eddy, a 16-year-old Japanese American, tells how he and his buddies, Chik and Cobra, become part of Company B of the 100th Infantry Battalion following the attack on Pearl Harbor. Without discounting the community's old loyalties to Japan, the story makes clear the transition caused by the declaration of war, and by the desire to be part of the great fight to protect America.



Title: Uglies
Author: Scott Westerfeld
Summary: Playing on every teen's passionate desire to look as good as everybody else, Scott Westerfeld (Midnighters) projects a future world in which a compulsory operation at sixteen wipes out physical differences and makes everyone

10th title pending. Waiting for Wicamico County's decision.