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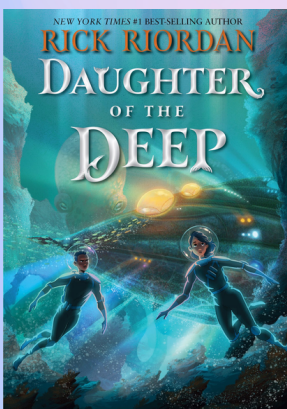
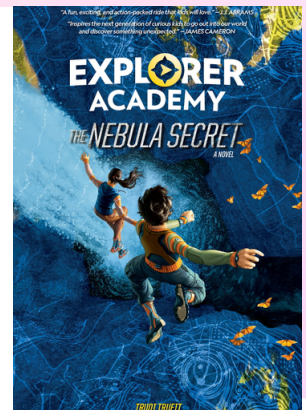


DIARY OF A MINECRAFT ZOMBIE: A SCARE OF A DARE by Zack Zombie

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a Minecraft Zombie? In the first book of this hilarious Minecraft adventure series, we get to read the diary of an actual 12 year old Minecraft Zombie. Take a peek at what is really going on between the hollow eyes and dead expression that we normally see when we face the dreaded Zombies of Minecraft. Are Zombies really different from us? You'll be surprised at what you discover.

EXPLORER ACADEMY: THE NEBULA SECRET by Trudi Trueit

Cruz joins 23 talented kids from around the globe to train at the Explorer Academy with the world's leading scientists. But then he discovers that his family has a mysterious past with the organization that could jeopardize his future. In the midst of codebreaking and cool classes, new friends and augmented-reality expeditions, Cruz must tackle the biggest question of all: Who is out to get him...and why?



DAUGHTER OF THE DEEP by Rick Riordan

Ana Dakkar is a student at Harding-Pencroft Academy, a school that trains the best marine scientists, naval warriors, navigators, and underwater explorers in the world. Ana's year culminates with the class's weekend trial at sea, the details of which have been kept secret. On the bus ride to the ship, Ana and her schoolmates witness a terrible tragedy that changes their lives. In a race against deadly enemies, Ana makes amazing friends and astounding discoveries about her heritage as she puts her leadership skills to the test for the first time.

JINXED by Amy McCulloch

Lacey Chu has always dreamed of working as an engineer for MONCHA, the biggest tech firm in the world and the company behind the "baku"—a customizable "pet" with all the capabilities of a smartphone. But Lacey is rejected by the elite academy that promises that future. One night, she comes across the broken form of a highly advanced baku. When she repairs it, the cat-shaped baku she calls Jinx somehow gets her into her dream school. As Lacey settles into life at school, she learns that Jinx is part of a dangerous secret. Can Lacey hold on to Jinx and her dreams for the future?



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TIME RIDERS by Alex Scarrow

Maddy should have died in a plane crash. Liam should have died when the Titanic sank. Sal should have died in a tragic fire. But a mysterious man whisked them away to safety. Maddy, Liam, and Sal learn that time travel is no longer just a hope for the future; it is a dangerous reality. And they weren't just rescued from their terrible fates...they were recruited for the agency of TimeRiders created to protect the world from those seeking to alter the course of history for personal gain. Can they fulfill their destinies as keepers of time to save the world from utter destruction?

METAWARS: FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE by Jeff Norton

In an unforgiving future, two warring factions, the Millennials and the Guardians, are locked in a brutal battle over control of an online virtual world called the Metasphere. Jonah Delacroix has always known which side he's on, the same side as his dead father. But when he assumes his father's avatar, he learns that things aren't as black and white as he once believed. He's catapulted into a full-throttle race through both worlds, but can he find the truth?



AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS by B.B. Alston

A 13-year-old girl learns she's an all-powerful magician and faces trials as she seeks her missing brother Quinton. Amari Peters is tired—tired of being belittled and dismissed at her rich private school, where she is bullied for being poor and Black. With an evil magician threatening the supernatural world, and her own classmates thinking she's an enemy, Amari has never felt more alone. But if she doesn't stick it out, she may never find out what happened to Quinton ...

EDGE OF EXTINCTION by Laura Martin

One hundred and fifty years ago, the first dinosaurs were cloned. Soon after, they replaced humans at the top of the food chain. The only way to survive was to move into underground compounds. . . .Five years ago, Sky Mundy's father vanished without a trace. Now she has just stumbled on a clue that not only suggests his disappearance is just the tip of an even larger mystery, but also points directly to the surface. To find her dad Sky and her best friend, Shawn, must break out of their underground home and venture topside to a land reclaimed by nature and ruled by dinosaurs.

