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The triumph of this book is that it is not a tragedy. This extraordinarily odd, but extraordinarily endearing, girl manages to push through her grief. Her journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family is a joy and a revelation to read. "Holly Goldberg Sloan writes about belonging in a way I've never quite seen in any other book. This is a gorgeous, funny, and heartwarming novel that I'll never forget."—John Corey Whaley, author of *Where Things Come Back* "Willow Chance subtly drew me into her head and her life, so much so that I was holding my breath for her by the end. Holly Goldberg Sloan has created distinct characters who will stay with you long after you finish the book."—Sharon Creech, Newbery Award-winning author of *Walk Two Moons* "In achingly beautiful prose, Holly Goldberg Sloan has written a delightful tale of transformation that's a celebration of life in all its wondrous, hilarious and confounding glory. *Counting by 7s* is a triumph."—Maria Semple, author of *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* **Short** *Penguin* "Very short for her age, Julia grows into her sense of self while playing a munchkin in a summer regional theater production of *The Wizard of Oz*"--Provided by publisher. **Appleblossom the Possum** *Penguin* A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her. **The Elephant in the Room** *Penguin* From the New York Times bestselling author of *Counting by 7s* comes a heartfelt story about "the importance of compassion and bravery when facing life's challenges" (Kirkus) for fans of *The One and Only Ivan* and *Front Desk*. It's been almost a year since Sila's mother traveled halfway around the world to Turkey, hoping to secure the immigration paperwork that would allow her to return to her family in the United States. The long separation is almost impossible for Sila to withstand. But things change when Sila accompanies her father (who is a mechanic) outside their Oregon town to fix a truck. There, behind an enormous stone wall, she meets a grandfatherly man who only months before won the state lottery. Their new alliance leads to the rescue of a circus elephant named Veda, and then to a friendship with an unusual boy named Mateo, proving that comfort and hope come in the most unlikely of places. A moving story of family separation and the importance of the connection between animals and humans, this novel has the enormous heart and uplifting humor that readers have come to expect from the beloved author of *Counting by 7s*. "I couldn't stop reading—I had to find out what would happen. An unusual and lovely real-life fairy tale." —Linda Sue Park, New York Times Bestselling author of *A Long Walk to Water* "A gorgeous and emotional novel. I loved every page." —Cynthia Kadohata, Newbery Medal-winning author of *Kira-Kira* **Just Call My Name** *Little, Brown Books for Young Readers* The happily-ever-after of Holly Goldberg Sloan's acclaimed debut, *I'll Be There*, is turned on its head in this riveting, emotional sequel about friends, enemies, and how those roles can shift in a matter of moments. Emily Bell has it all. She's in love with a boy named Sam Border, and his little brother has become part of her family. This summer is destined to be the best time of their lives--until a charismatic new girl in town sets her sights on Sam. Now Emily finds herself questioning the loyalty of the person she thought she could trust most. But the biggest threat to her happiness is someone she never saw coming. Sam's criminally insane father, whom everyone thought they'd finally left behind, is planning a jailbreak. And he knows exactly where to find Emily and his sons when he escapes...and takes his revenge. **I'll Be There** *Little, Brown Books for Young Readers* Emily Bell believes in destiny. To her, being forced to sing a solo in the church choir--despite her average voice--is fate: because it's while she's singing that she first sees Sam. At first sight, they are connected. Sam Border wishes he could escape, but there's nowhere for him to run. He and his little brother, Riddle, have spent their entire lives constantly uprooted by their unstable father. That is, until Sam sees Emily. That's when everything changes. As Sam and Riddle are welcomed into the Bells' lives, they witness the warmth and protection of a family for the first time. But when tragedy strikes, they're left fighting for survival in the desolate wilderness, and wondering if they'll ever find a place where they can belong. Beautifully written and emotionally profound, *I'll Be There* is a gripping story that explores the complexities of teenage passions, friendships, and loyalties. **Counting Thyme** *Penguin* Newbery-winning *Rules* meets *Counting by 7s* in this affecting story of a girl's devotion to her brother and what it means to be home When eleven-year-old Thyme Owens' little brother, Val, is accepted into a new cancer drug trial, it's just the second chance that he needs. But it also means the Owens family has to move to New York, thousands of miles away from Thyme's best friend and everything she knows and loves. The island of Manhattan doesn't exactly inspire new beginnings, but Thyme tries to embrace the change for what it is: temporary. After Val's treatment shows real promise and Mr. Owens accepts a full-time position in the city, Thyme has to face the frightening possibility

that the move to New York is permanent. Thyme loves her brother, and knows the trial could save his life—she'd give anything for him to be well—but she still wants to go home, although the guilt of not wanting to stay is agonizing. She finds herself even more mixed up when her heart feels the tug of new friends, a first crush, and even a crotchety neighbor and his sweet whistling bird. All Thyme can do is count the minutes, the hours, and days, and hope time can bring both a miracle for Val and a way back home. With equal parts heart and humor, Melanie Conklin's debut is a courageous and charming story of love and family—and what it means to be counted.

Million-dollar Throw *Penguin* Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie is frantic to win a million dollars by completing a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game to help his family and his best friend Abby who is going blind.

You May Already Be a Winner *Penguin* For fans of Ali Benjamin's *The Thing About Jellyfish* and Katherine Applegate's *Crenshaw* comes the humorous and heart aching story of one girl's struggle to keep hope alive for her and her younger sister in Sunny Pines Trailer Park. Twelve-year-old Olivia Hales has a foolproof plan for winning a million dollars so that she and her little sister, Berkeley, can leave behind Sunny Pines Trailer Park. But first she has to:

- Fix the swamp cooler and make dinner and put Berkeley to bed because her mom is too busy to do all that
- Write another letter to her dad even though he hasn't written back yet
- Teach Berk the important stuff, like how to make chalk drawings, because they can't afford day care and Olivia has to stay home from school to watch her
- Petition her oddball neighbors for a circus spectacular, because there needs to be something to look forward to at dumb-bum Sunny Pines
- Become a super-secret spy to impress her new friend Bart
- Enter a minimum of fourteen sweepstakes a day. Who knows? She may already be a winner!

Olivia has thought of everything . . . except herself. Who will take care of her when she needs it? Luckily, somewhere deep down between her small intestine and stomach is a tiny voice reminding her that sometimes people can surprise you—and sometimes your family is right next door.

See You in the Cosmos *Penguin* "Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space"--

To Night Owl From Dogfish *Penguin* From two extraordinary authors comes a moving, exuberant, laugh-out-loud novel about friendship and family, told entirely in emails and letters. Avery Bloom, who's bookish, intense, and afraid of many things, particularly deep water, lives in New York City. Bett Devlin, who's fearless, outgoing, and loves all animals as well as the ocean, lives in California. What they have in common is that they are both twelve years old, and are both being raised by single, gay dads. When their dads fall in love, Bett and Avery are sent, against their will, to the same sleepaway camp. Their dads hope that they will find common ground and become friends--and possibly, one day, even sisters. But things soon go off the rails for the girls (and for their dads too), and they find themselves on a summer adventure that neither of them could have predicted. Now that they can't imagine life without each other, will Bett and Avery (who sometimes call themselves Night Owl and Dogfish) figure out a way to be a family?

The Stars Beneath Our Feet *Yearling* Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

Scrawl *Macmillan* When eighth-grade bully Tod and his friends get caught committing a crime on school property, his penalty, staying after school and writing in a journal, reveals aspects of himself that he prefers to keep hidden.

The Wim Hof Method Activate Your Full Human Potential *Sounds True* INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The only definitive book authored by Wim Hof on his powerful method for realizing our physical and spiritual potential. "This method is very simple, very accessible, and endorsed by science. Anybody can do it, and there is no dogma, only acceptance. Only freedom." —Wim Hof Wim Hof has a message for each of us: "You can literally do the impossible. You can overcome disease, improve your mental health and physical performance, and even control your physiology so you can thrive in any stressful situation." With *The Wim Hof Method*, this trailblazer of human potential shares a method that anyone can use—young or old, sick or healthy—to supercharge their capacity for strength, vitality, and happiness. Wim has become known as "The Iceman" for his astounding physical feats, such as spending hours in freezing water and running barefoot marathons over deserts and ice fields. Yet his most remarkable achievement is not any record-breaking performance—it is the creation of a method that thousands of people have used to transform their lives. In his gripping and passionate style, Wim shares his method and his story, including:

- **Breath**—Wim's unique practices to change your body chemistry, infuse yourself with energy, and focus your mind
- **Cold**—Safe, controlled, shock-free practices for using cold exposure to enhance your cardiovascular system and awaken your body's untapped strength
- **Mindset**—Build your willpower, inner clarity, sensory awareness, and innate joyfulness in the miracle of living
- **Science**—How users of this method have redefined what is medically possible in study after study
- **Health**—True stories and testimonials from people using the method to overcome disease and chronic illness
- **Performance**—Increase your endurance, improve recovery time, up your mental game, and more
- **Wim's Story**—Follow Wim's inspiring personal journey of discovery, tragedy, and triumph
- **Spiritual Awakening**—How breath, cold, and mindset can reveal the beauty of your soul

Wim Hof is a man on a mission: to transform the way we live by reminding us of our true power and purpose. "This is how we will change the world, one soul at a time," Wim says. "We alter the collective consciousness by awakening to our own boundless potential. We are limited only by the depth of our imagination and the strength of our conviction." If you're ready to explore and exceed the limits of your own potential, *The Wim Hof Method* is waiting for you.

Counting by 7s *Birdie and Me* *Penguin* "Ever since their free-spirited mama died ten months ago, twelve-year-old Jack and her gender creative nine-year-old brother, Birdie, have been living with their fun-loving Uncle Carl, but now their conservative Uncle Patrick insists on being their guardian which forces all four of them to confront grief, prejudice, and loss, all while exploring what 'home' really means"--

Counting by 7s On the 7th day of the 7th month (is it any wonder I love the number?) my new parents drove north to a hospital 257 miles from their home, where they named me after a cold-climate tree and changed the world. *Counting By 7s* is the story of Willow Chance, a twelve-year-old girl who has been identified at an early age as gifted. Willow lives in Bakersfield, California and comes home from school one day to the news that her parents have been killed in a traffic accident. What follows is Willows search to find a place where she belongs.

The Day the Falls Stood Still *Hachette Books* Steeped in the intriguing history of Niagara Falls, this epic love story is as rich, spellbinding, and majestic as the falls themselves. 1915. The dawn of the hydroelectric power era in Niagara Falls. Seventeen-year-old Bess Heath has led a sheltered existence as the youngest daughter of the director of the Niagara Power Company. After graduation day at her boarding school, she is impatient to return to her picturesque family home near Niagara Falls. But when she arrives, nothing is as she had left it. Her father has lost his job at the power company, her mother is reduced to taking in sewing from the society ladies she once entertained, and Isabel, her vivacious older sister, is a shadow of her former self. She has shut herself in her bedroom, barely eating--and harboring a secret. The night of her return, Bess meets Tom Cole by chance on a trolley platform. She finds herself

inexplicably drawn to him--against her family's strong objections. He is not from their world. Rough-hewn and fearless, he lives off what the river provides and has an uncanny ability to predict the whims of the falls. His daring river rescues render him a local hero and cast him as a threat to the power companies that seek to harness the power of the falls for themselves. As their lives become more fully entwined, Bess is forced to make a painful choice between what she wants and what is best for her family and her future. Set against the tumultuous backdrop of Niagara Falls, at a time when daredevils shot the river rapids in barrels and great industrial fortunes were made and lost as quickly as lives disappeared, *The Day the Falls Stood Still* is an intoxicating debut novel. **A Handful of Stars** *Scholastic Inc.* This powerful middle-grade novel from the Newbery Honor author of *RULES* explores a friendship between a small-town girl and the daughter of migrant workers. **The Thing About Jellyfish** *Little, Brown Books for Young Readers* This stunning debut novel about grief and wonder was an instant New York Times bestseller and captured widespread critical acclaim, including selection as a 2015 National Book Award finalist! After her best friend dies in a drowning accident, Suzy is convinced that the true cause of the tragedy must have been a rare jellyfish sting--things don't just happen for no reason. Retreating into a silent world of imagination, she crafts a plan to prove her theory--even if it means traveling the globe, alone. Suzy's achingly heartfelt journey explores life, death, the astonishing wonder of the universe...and the potential for love and hope right next door. Oddlot Entertainment has acquired the screen rights to *The Thing About Jellyfish*, with Gigi Pritzker set to produce with Bruna Papandrea and Reese Witherspoon. **Coop Knows the Scoop** *Sourcebooks, Inc.* The whole town is talking about what's buried beneath the playground... Windy Bottom, Georgia is usually a peaceful place. Coop helps his mom at her café and bookstore, hangs out with his grandpa, and bikes around with his friends Justice and Liberty. The town is full of all kinds of interesting people, but no one has ever caused a problem. Until now. And somehow, Gramps is taking all the blame! It seems like there are a lot of secrets that were buried in their small town after all... Will Coop and his friends get to the bottom of the mystery and clear Gramps's name before it's too late? **The Someday Birds** *HarperCollins* Winner of the 2018 Dolly Gray Children's Literature Award * Two starred reviews * A New York Public Library Best Kids Book of 2017 * A Bank Street Best Children's Book of 2017 * Wisconsin Library Association CBA Outstanding Books of the Year selection * 2018-2019 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award list selection * 2018-2019 Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Award nominee * Young Hoosier Book Award nominee * *The Someday Birds* is a debut middle grade novel perfect for fans of *Counting by 7s* and *Fish in a Tree*, filled with humor, heart, and chicken nuggets. Charlie's perfectly ordinary life has been unraveling ever since his war journalist father was injured in Afghanistan. When his father heads from California to Virginia for medical treatment, Charlie reluctantly travels cross-country with his boy-crazy sister, unruly brothers, and a mysterious new family friend. He decides that if he can spot all the birds that he and his father were hoping to see someday along the way, then everything might just turn out okay. Debut author Sally J. Pla has written a tale that is equal parts madcap road trip, coming-of-age story for an autistic boy who feels he doesn't understand the world, and an uplifting portrait of a family overcoming a crisis. "Offering a mixture of suspense, mystery, tragedy and humor, Pla's story captures both the literal and figurative meanings of journey." —Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Pla gives us a memorable hero in this lyrical and funny book." —Shelf Awareness (starred review) **Mr. Terupt Falls Again** *Delacorte Books for Young Readers* Several students relate their experiences helping Mr. Terupt move the old classroom to the sixth grade annex during the summer vacation. **All of the Above** *Little, Brown Books for Young Readers* Based on a true story, *All of the Above* is the delightful and suspenseful story of four inner city students and their quest to build the world's largest tetrahedron. Weaving together the different personal stories of the kids, their teacher, and the community that surrounds them, award-winning author Shelley Pearsall has written a vividly engaging story about the math, life and good-tasting barbecue. Filled with unexpected humor, poignant characters and quiet brilliance, *All of the Above* is a surprising gem. **In Over Their Heads** *Simon and Schuster* Twelve-year-old twins Nick and Eryn and their robot stepsiblings, Jackson and Ava, try to save humanity from killer robots. **Ugly** *Penguin* A funny, moving, and true story of an ordinary boy with an extraordinary face that's perfect for fans of *Wonder*—now available in the U.S. When Robert Hoge was born, he had a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs. Surgeons removed the tumor and made him a new nose from one of his toes. Amazingly, he survived—with a face that would never be the same. Strangers stared at him. Kids called him names, and adults could be cruel, too. Everybody seemed to agree that he was "ugly." But Robert refused to let his face define him. He played pranks, got into trouble, had adventures with his big family, and finally found a sport that was perfect for him to play. And Robert came face to face with the biggest decision of his life, he followed his heart. This poignant memoir about overcoming bullying and thriving with disabilities shows that what makes us "ugly" also makes us who we are. It features a reflective foil cover and black-and-white illustrations throughout. **Maxi's Secrets (or, What You Can Learn from a Dog)** *Penguin* "Fifth-grader Timminy, who's small for his age and new in town, isn't eager to start middle school--but he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi, a big, deaf, lovable dog"-- **Frog and Toad Are Friends** *Harper Collins* Celebrate the power of friendship in these five adventurous stories starring Frog and Toad—a Caldecott Honor Book! From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other—just as best friends should be. *Frog and Toad Are Friends* is a Level Two I Can Read book, geared for kids who read on their own but still need a little help. Whether shared at home or in a classroom, the engaging stories, longer sentences, and language play of Level Two books are proven to help kids take their next steps toward reading success. The classic Frog and Toad stories by Arnold Lobel have won numerous awards and honors, including a Newbery Honor (*Frog and Toad Together*), a Caldecott Honor (*Frog and Toad are Friends*), ALA Notable Children's Book, Fanfare Honor List (*The Horn Book*), School Library Journal Best Children's Book, and Library of Congress Children's Book. **Shouting at the Rain** *Puffin* Delsie loves tracking the weather, living with her grandmother, and the support of friends and neighbors, but misses having a "regular family," especially after her best friend outgrows her. **Counting Crocodiles** *Houghton Mifflin Harcourt* When a monkey on a desert island sees a banana tree on a faraway island, she must devise a clever way to navigate the crocodile-infested waters using her counting skills. Children's BOMC. Reprint. **Because of Mister Terupt** *Yearling Books* Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. **Out of My Mind** *Simon and Schuster* Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. **Where Things Come Back** *Simon and Schuster* Seventeen-year-old Cullen's summer in Lily, Arkansas, is marked by his cousin's death by overdose, an alleged spotting of a woodpecker thought to be extinct, failed romances, and his younger brother's sudden disappearance. **I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900 (I Survived #21)** *Scholastic Inc.* More than a century later, the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 is still America's deadliest disaster. Lauren Tarshis's story of

one child surviving the horrible event churns with page-turning action and bold hope. The city of Galveston, Texas, was booming. Perched on an island off the southern coast of Texas, Galveston had been founded in the 1830s. By 1900, it was Texas's richest and most important city. Boats loaded up with American cotton and wheat steamed from Galveston to countries around the world. Arriving ships were crowded with immigrants. The streets, paved with crushed oyster shells, sparkled like they'd been sprinkled with diamonds. True, this glittering city was prone to flooding. But just a few years before, a weather forecaster had said the idea of a hurricane striking Galveston was absurd. So when a storm started brewing on September 8, 1900, no one believed it would be any worse than previous storms. They gathered on the beach to cheer on the wild waves. But what started as entertainment soon turned into a nightmare as those wild waves crashed into the city. By morning, hundreds of homes were destroyed. Eight thousand people were dead. The city had all but disappeared. In this thrilling installment of Lauren Tarshis's New York Times bestselling *I Survived* series, one child finds safety only to head back into the treacherous waters to make sure his neighbors are safe. **The Whispers** Penguin A middle grade debut that's a heartrending coming-of-age tale, perfect for fans of *Bridge to Terabithia* and *Counting By 7s*. Eleven-year-old Riley believes in the whispers, magical fairies that will grant you wishes if you leave them tributes. Riley has a lot of wishes. He wishes bullies at school would stop picking on him. He wishes Dylan, his 8th grade crush, liked him, and Riley wishes he would stop wetting the bed. But most of all, Riley wishes for his mom to come back home. She disappeared a few months ago, and Riley is determined to crack the case. He even meets with a detective, Frank, to go over his witness statement time and time again. Frustrated with the lack of progress in the investigation, Riley decides to take matters into his own hands. So he goes on a camping trip with his friend Gary to find the whispers and ask them to bring his mom back home. But Riley doesn't realize the trip will shake the foundation of everything that he believes in forever. **Study Guide Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan**

(SuperSummary) SuperSummary, a modern alternative to SparkNotes and CliffsNotes, offers high-quality study guides for challenging works of literature. This 61-page guide for "Counting by 7s" by Holly Goldberg Sloan includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 61 chapters, as well as several more in-depth sections of expert-written literary analysis. Featured content includes commentary on major characters, 25 important quotes, essay topics, and key themes like Redefining Family and Justified Deception. **I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937 (I Survived #13)** Scholastic Inc. New York Times bestselling author Lauren Tarshis provides a birds-eye view of one of America's most ghastly accidents ever captured on film, the Hindenburg Disaster of 1937.