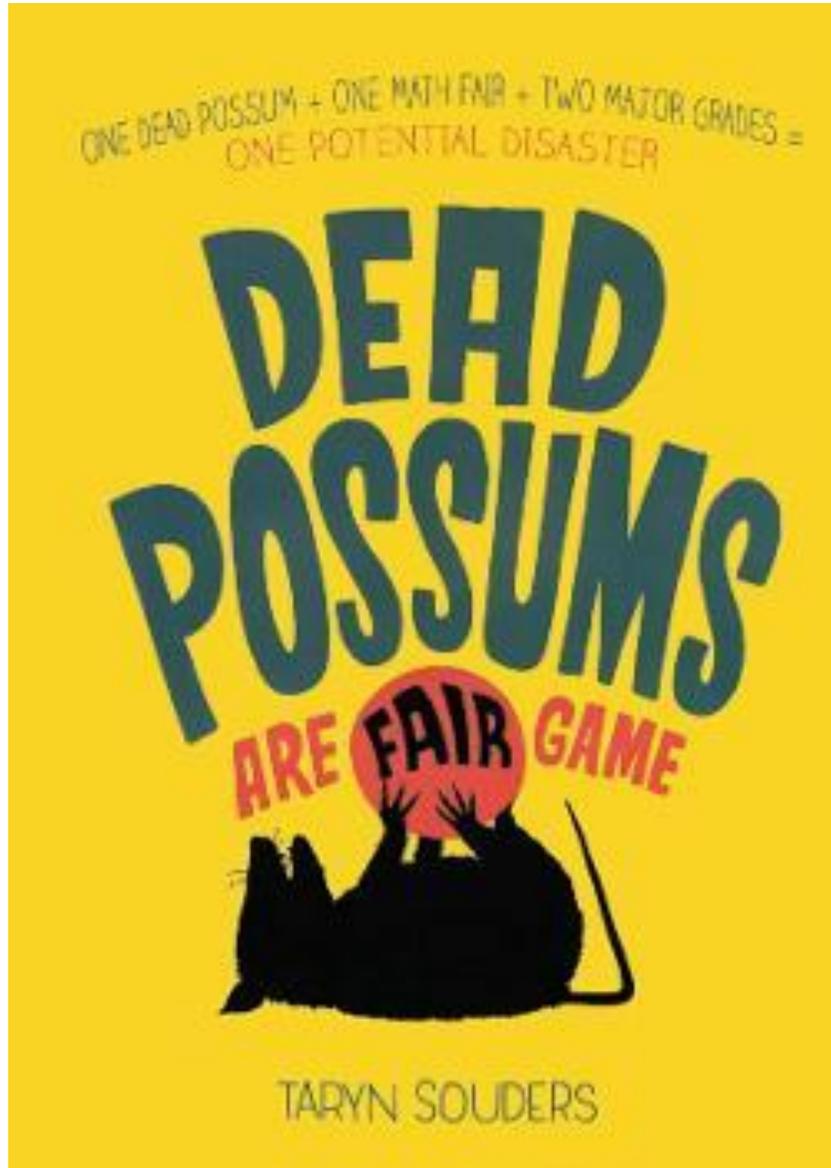




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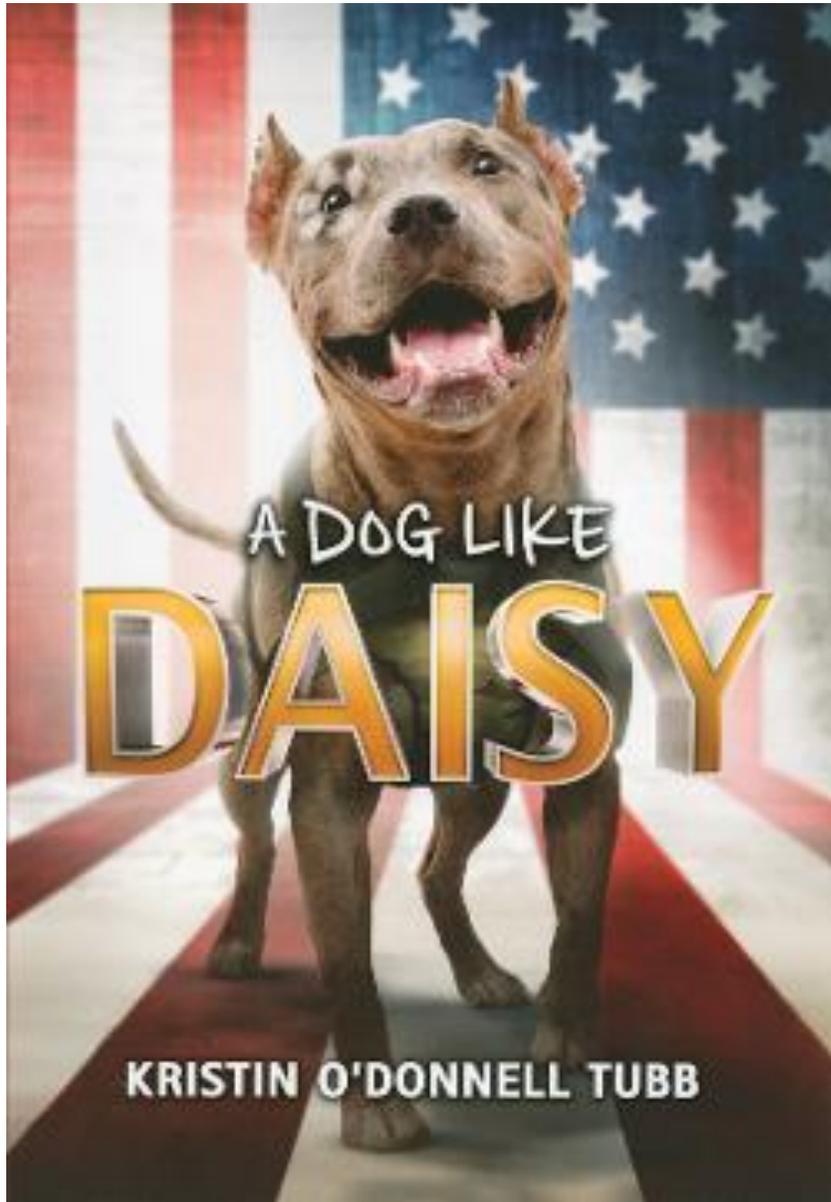


With a little imagination and some inspiration from their friend the opossum (now named Morty, short for rigor mortis), Ella and her classmates come up with a project that gets them excited about math and they might even have a chance to win at the Math Fair!

Reading Level: 5.8

Lexile: 770

Group 4A



Daisy has only ten weeks to prove her usefulness or else be sent back to the pound.

Yet if she goes back, who will protect Colonel Victor from his PTSD attacks? Or save the littler human, Micah, from those infernal ear muzzles he calls earphones? What if no one ever adopts her again?

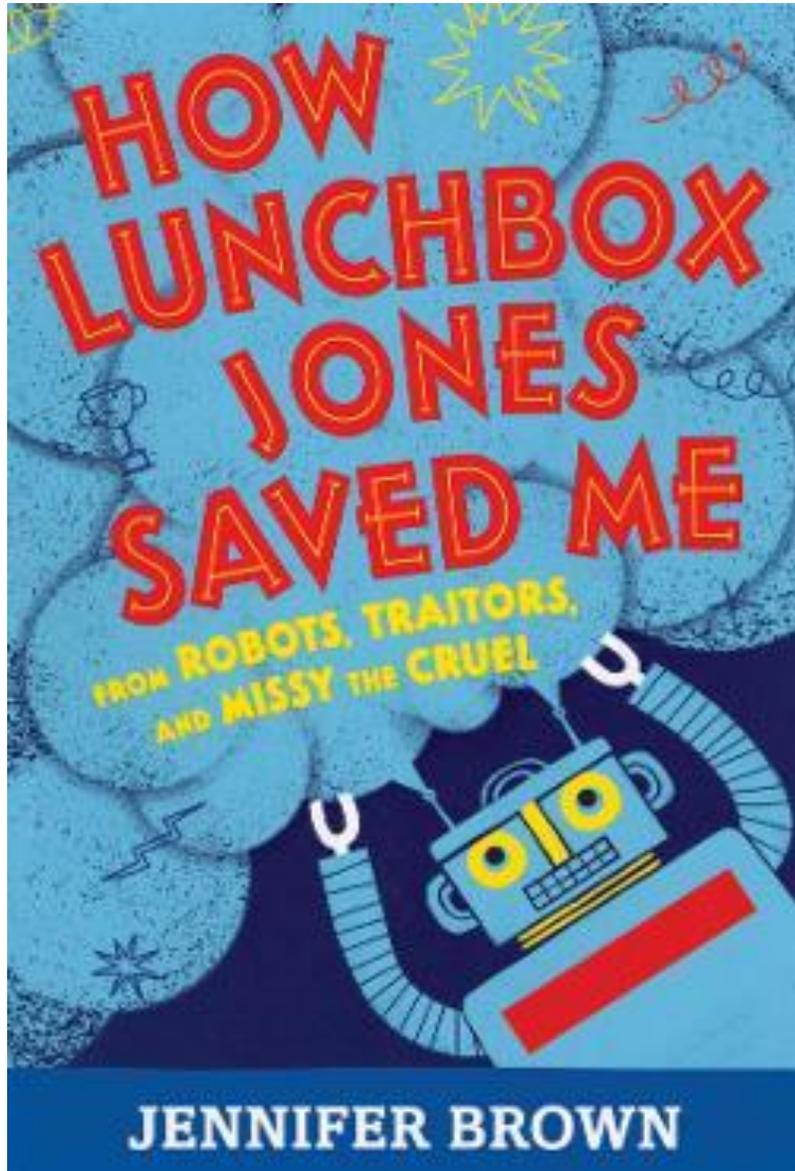
Determined to become the elite protector the colonel needs, Daisy vows to ace the service dog test. She'll accept the ridiculous leash and learn to sit, heel, shake, even do your business, Daisy when told to.

But Daisy must first learn how to face her own fears from the past or risk losing the family she's so desperate to guard-again

Reading Level: 3.9

Lexile: 550

**Group 4A**



Luke Abbott's school is the losing-est school in the history of losing. And that's just fine for him. He'd rather be at home playing video games and avoiding his older brother Rob and the Greatest Betrayal of All Time.

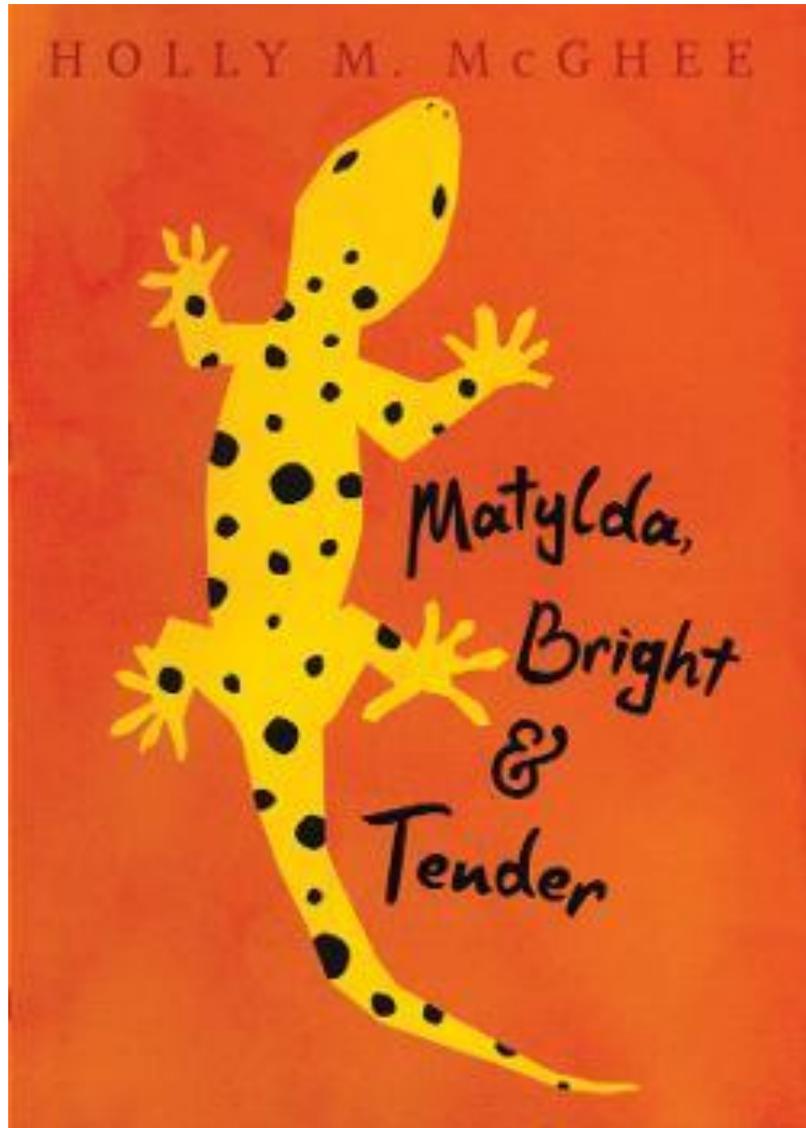
But now he's being forced to join the robotics team, where surely he'll help uphold the school's losing streak.

Reading Level: 4.7

Lexile: 750

F & P Level: R

Group 4A



After a trip to the pet store, best friends Sussy and Guy bring home a spotted lizard, and they name her Matylda (with a 'y' so it's all her own). With Guy leading the way, they feed her and give her an origin story fit for a warrior lizard.

A few weeks later, on a simple bike ride, there is a terrible accident. As hard as it is, Sussy is sure she can hold on to Guy if she can find a way to love Matylda enough.

Eventually Sussy must discover what it means to grieve and heal and hope and go on, for her own sake and Matylda's.

Reading Level: 4.5

Lexile: 620

# Group 4A



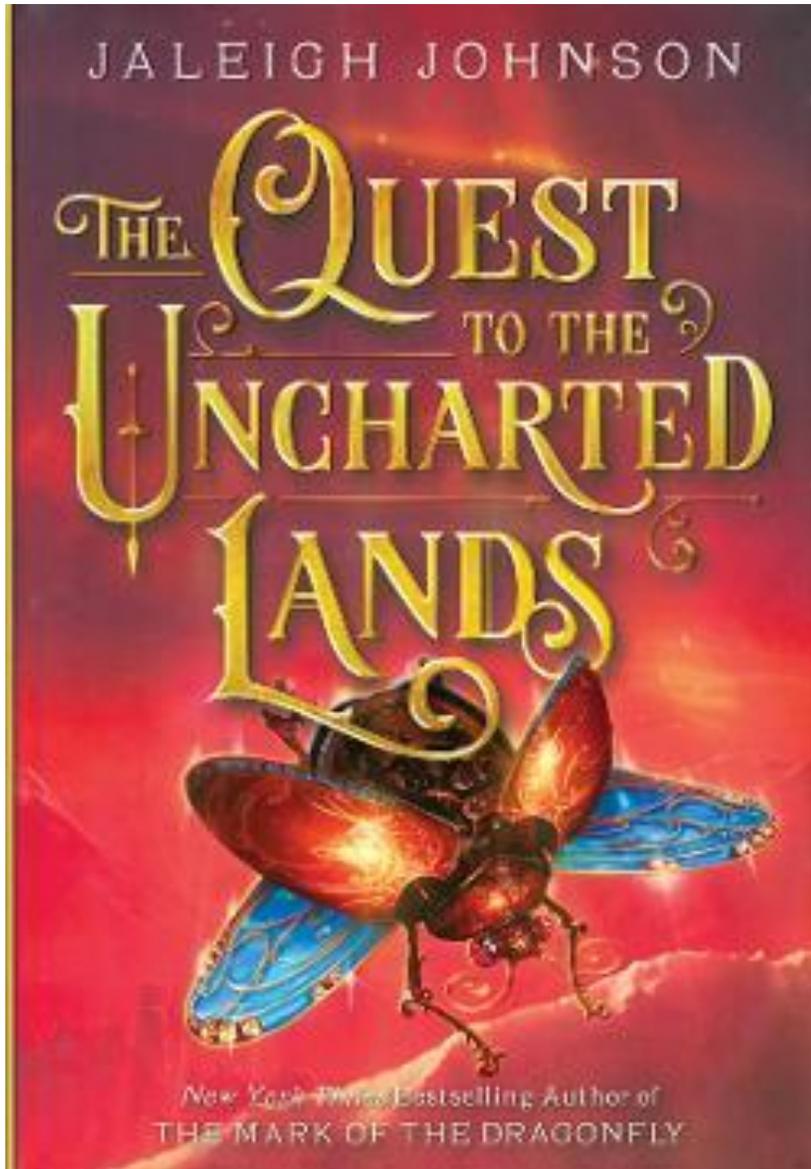
Mexican-American Stef Soto is hoping to break free from her overprotective parents and embarrassing reputation from her family's taco truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are important and wonderful parts of her life.

Reading Level: 5.8

Lexile: 780

F & P Level: U

Group 4B



Stella's parents are on the first expedition to the uncharted lands of Solace, but Stella doesn't want to be left behind.

Stowing away aboard the ship, she finds a mysterious boy who is also hiding, and he's keeping a very big secret.

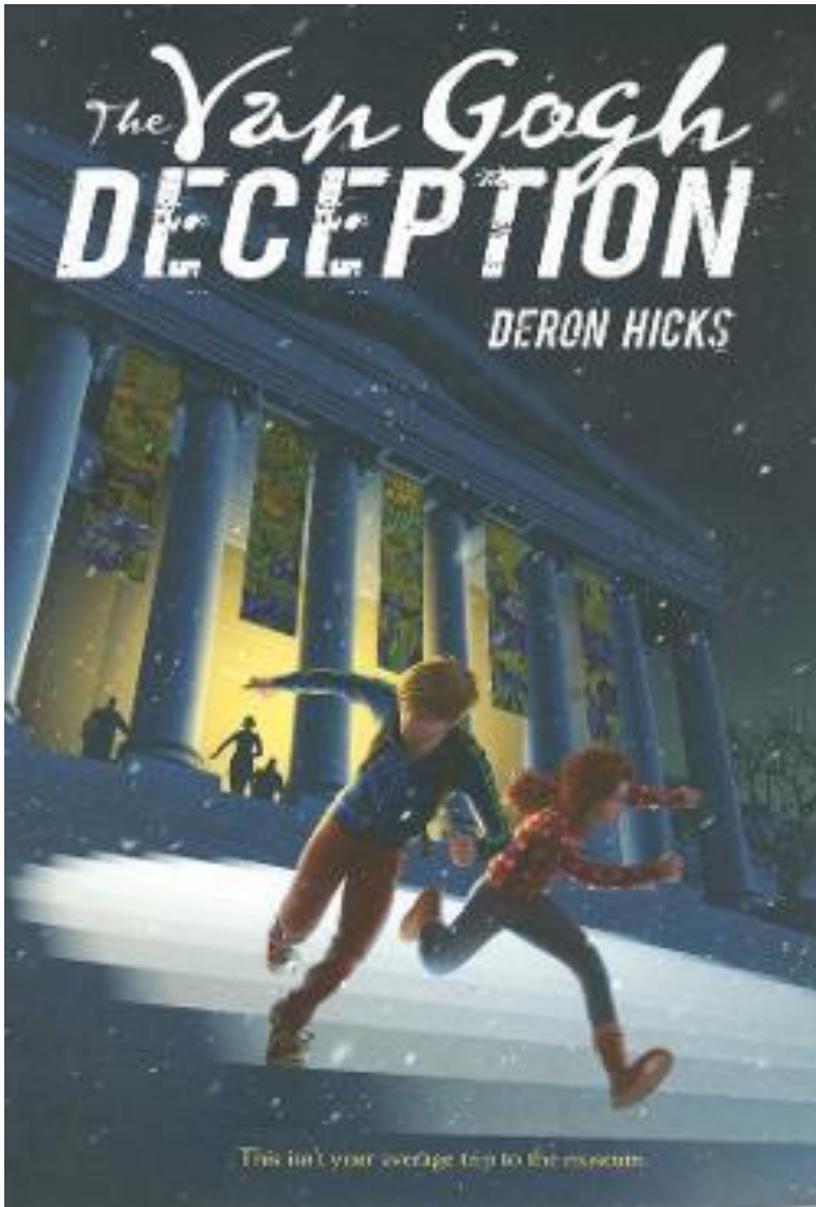
She must decide whether to trust him or risk the fate of the expedition.

Reading Level: 5.9

Lexile: 830

F & P Level: Y

**Group 5B**

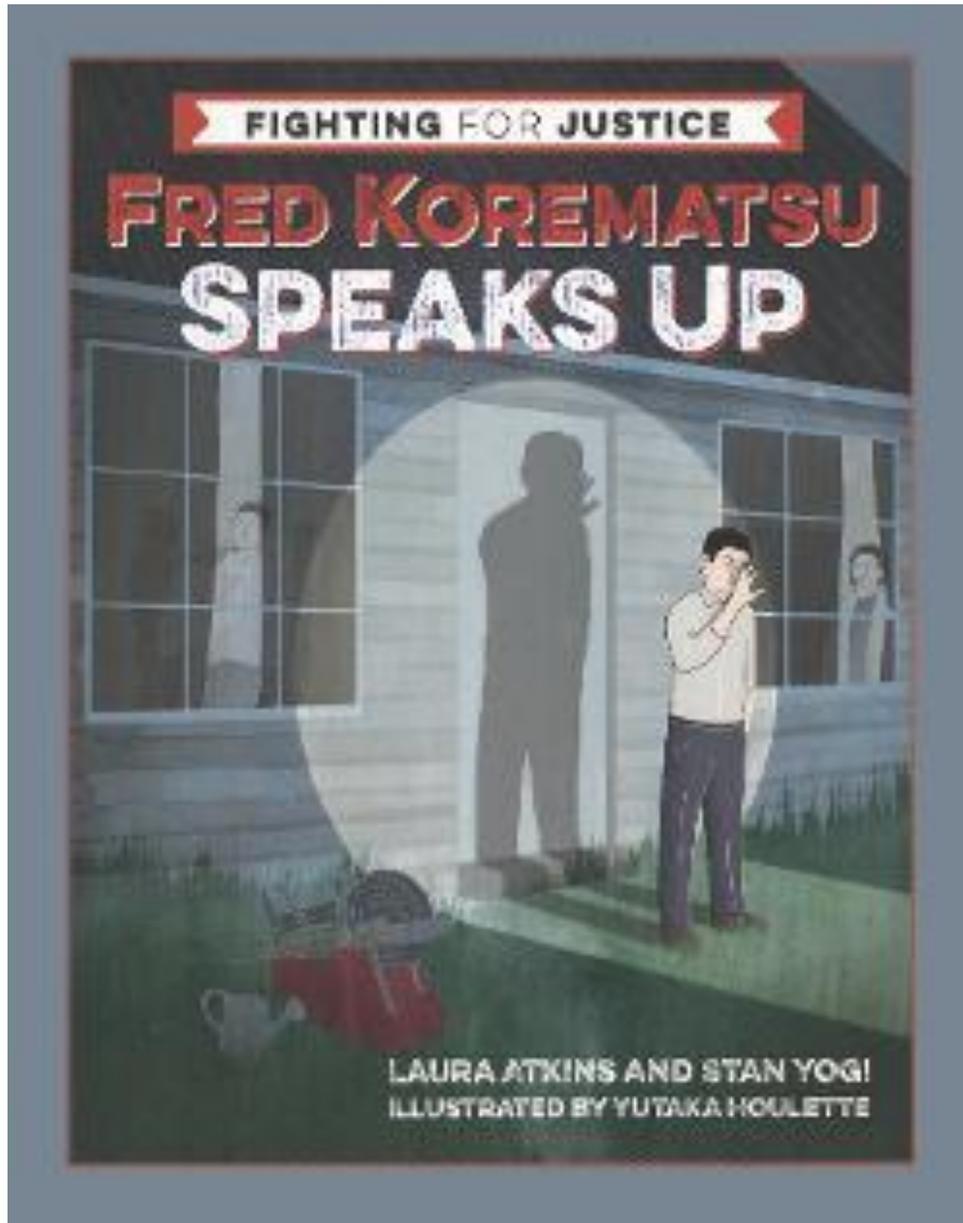


When a young boy is discovered in Washington, DC's National Gallery of Art without any recollection of who he is, he must piece together the disjointed clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.

Reading Level: 8.5

Lexile: 750

Group 5B



When the United States went to war with Japan in 1941, the government forced all people of Japanese ancestry to leave their homes on the West Coast to live in distant prison camps, even though they had done nothing wrong.

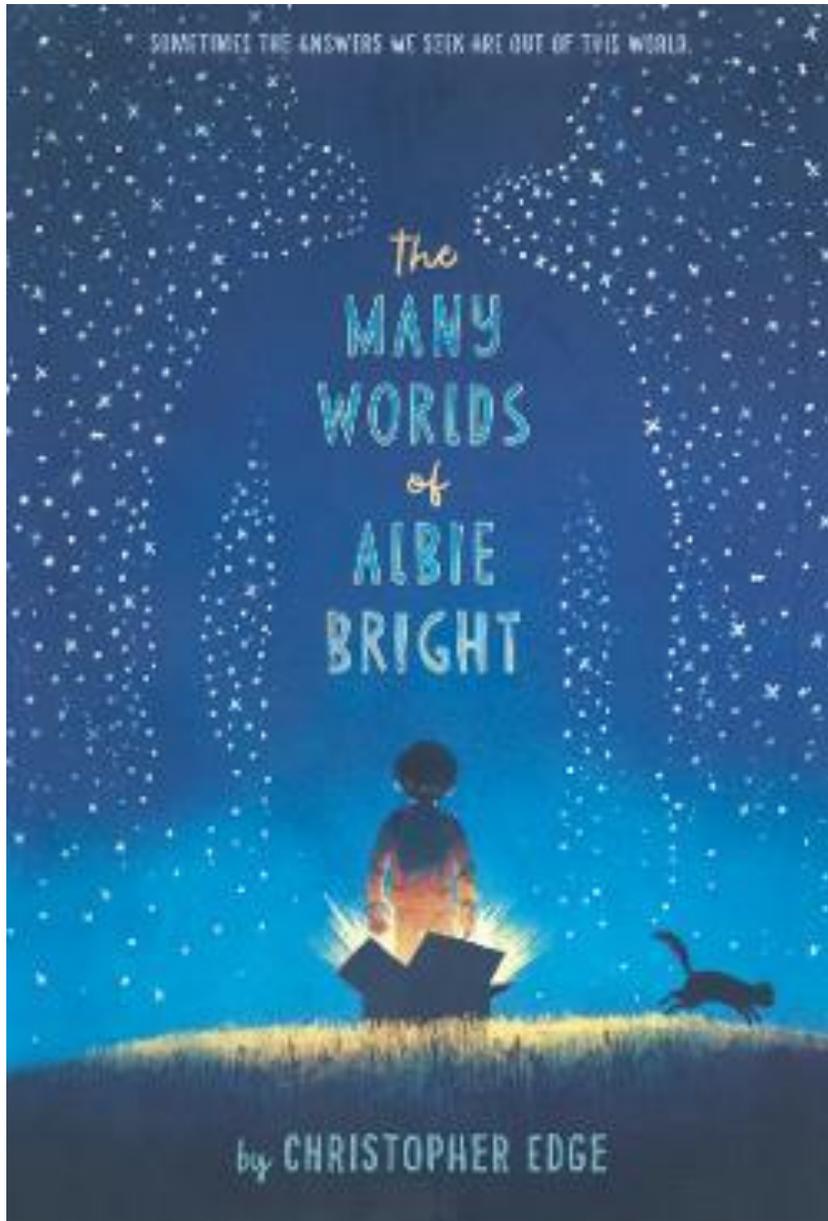
This included Fred Korematsu, whose parents had immigrated to the United States from Japan many years before.

But Fred refused to go. He knew he should have the same rights as any other American citizen.

This story of Fred Korematsu's fight against discrimination takes us through the life of one courageous person who made the United States a fairer place for all Americans.

Reading Level: 5.8

**Group 5B**



Albie's parents are brilliant scientists, so when his mom dies of cancer, he turns to science to assuage his grief—namely, quantum physics.

With the help of a rudimentary understanding of the theory of Schrödinger's Cat, a banana (they're mildly radioactive), a box, and his late mother's quantum laptop, Albie builds a device that transports him to parallel universes, and he hopes to find one in which his mother is still alive.

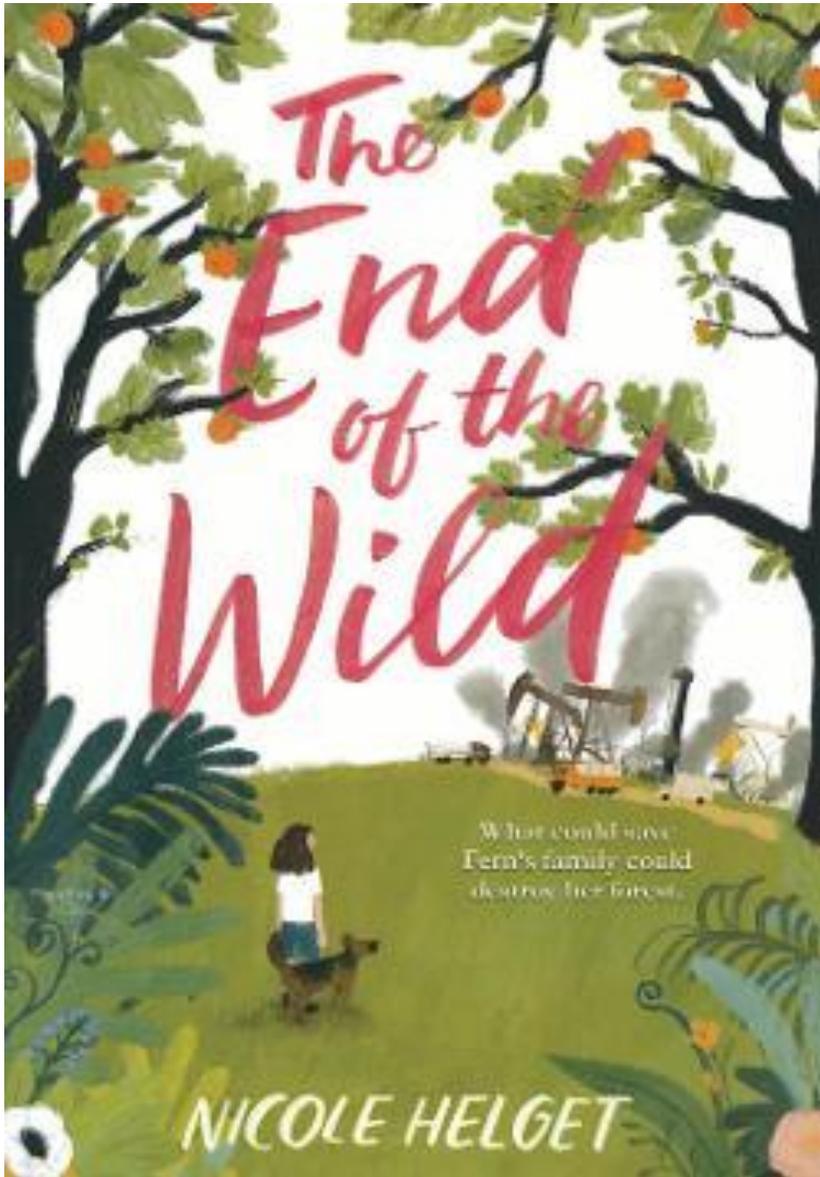
Albie's machine works, but he mostly finds alternate versions of himself and his father, and experiencing ways his life could have turned out differently leads him to appreciate his own universe all the more, even if it means living in a world without his mom.

Reading Level: 4.6

Lexile: 960

F & P Level: W

**Group 5B**



Eleven-year-old Fern helps to take care of her impoverished family by foraging for food in the forest, but when a fracking company rolls into town, she realizes that her peaceful woods and her family's livelihood could be threatened

Reading Level: 3.9

F & P Level: V

Group 5B