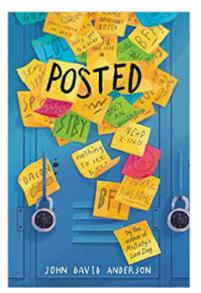
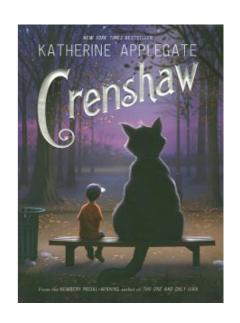
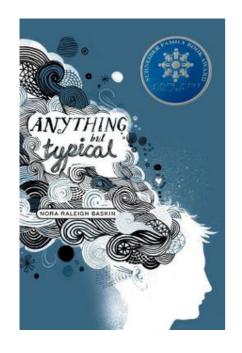
# If you liked Swander then try:



Posted by John David Anderson
In middle school, words aren't just words.
They can be weapons. They can be gifts.
The right words can win you friends or
make you enemies. They can come back to
haunt you. Sometimes they can change
things forever.

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
A story about a homeless boy and his
imaginary friend that proves in
unexpected ways that friends matter,
whether real or imaginary

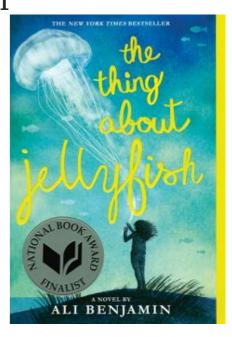


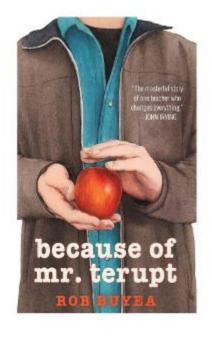


Anything but Typical by Nora Baskin Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.

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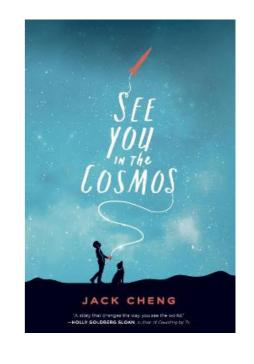
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.



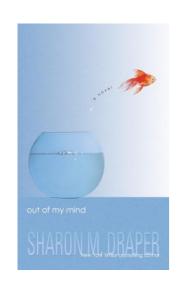


Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

See You in the Cosmos by Jack Cheng A space-obsessed boy and his dog, Carl Sagan, take a journey toward family, love, hope, and awe in this funny and moving novel for fans of Counting by 7s, Walk Two Moons, and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

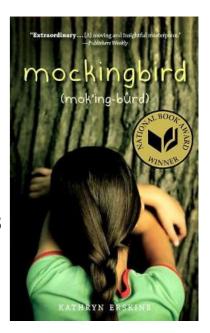


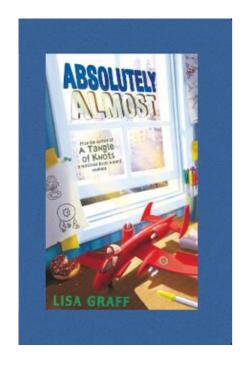
# If you liked Junner then try:



Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifthgrader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

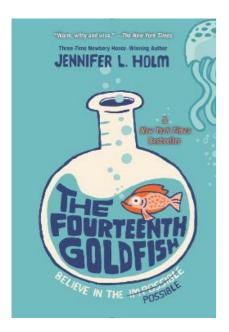
Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine
Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's
Syndrome, struggles to understand
emotions, show empathy, and make friends
at school, while at home she seeks closure
by working on a project with her father.





Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff
Ten-year-old Albie has never been
the smartest, tallest, best at gym,
greatest artist, or most musical in his
class, as his parents keep reminding
him, but new nanny, Calista, helps
him uncover his strengths and take
pride in himself.

## If you liked worder then try:



The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

One for the Murphys by Lynda Hunt Carley struggles with being open to love after she suffers a betrayal that forces her to move in with a foster family.



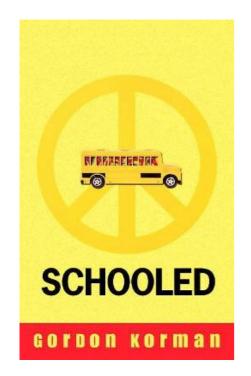


Fish in a Tree by Lynda Hunt Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

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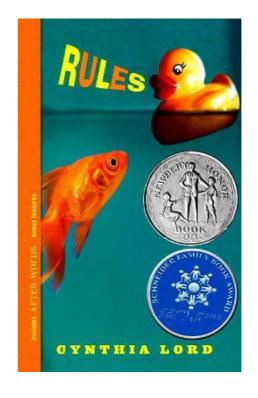
Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.





Schooled by Gordon Korman
Cap lives in isolation with his
grandmother, a former hippie; but
when she falls from a tree and
breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster
home where he has his first
experience in a public school.

Rules by Cynthia Lord
Frustrated at life with an
autistic brother, twelveyear-old Catherine longs for
a normal existence but her
world is further complicated
by a friendship with an
young paraplegic.



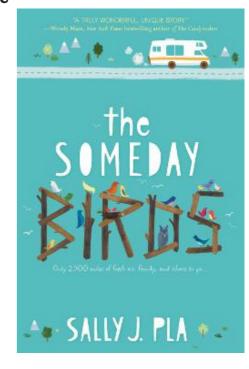
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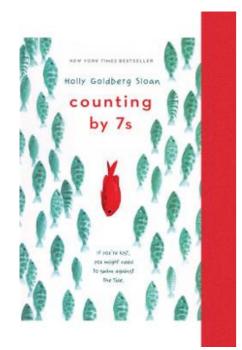




Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin
Struggling with Asperger's
syndrome, Rose shares a bond with
her beloved dog, but when the dog
goes missing during a storm, Rose is
forced to confront the limits of her
comfort levels, even if it means
leaving her routines in order to
search for her pet

The Someday Birds by Sally J Pla Charlie, twelve, who has autism and obsessive compulsive disorder, must endure a cross-country trip with his siblings and a strange babysitter to visit their father, who will undergo brain surgery.



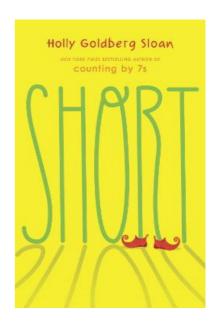


Counting by 7s by Holly Goldburg Sloan

Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

## If you liked wonder then try:

Short by Holly Goldburg Sloan 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

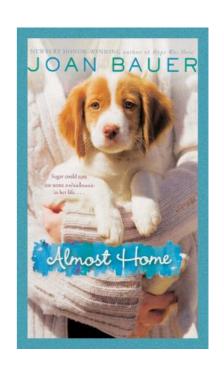




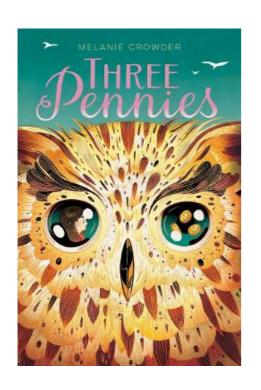
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

At first the students at Arizona's Mica High School are captivated by Stargirl Caraway's unusual, carefree behavior; however, she is soon shunned for everything that makes her unique in this story that pits individuality against conformity.

Almost Home by Joan Bauer Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.

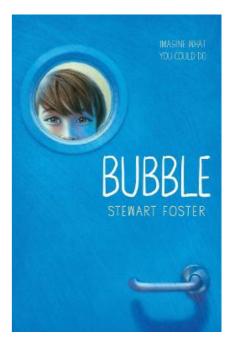






Three Pennies by Melanie Crowder In San Francisco, eleven-year-old Marin desperately searchesfor her birthmother knowing time is running out before she is adopted, and discovers for the first time in her life what it feels like to be truly wanted by someone.

**Bubble by Stewart Foster** Orphaned eleven-year-old Joe lives in a hospital due to his autoimmune disease, interacting only with his sister, an American boy with the same illness, and medical staff while dreaming of being a superhero.





See You at Harry's by Jo Knowles Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, with grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah, fourteen-year-old Holden, and adorable, three-year-old Charlie, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched almost to the breaking point.