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Anna Rainbow, *Early Spring*

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Sophie Kirtley, *Autumn*

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Emma Carroll, *Summer*

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Trish Cooke, illus. Sophie Bass, *Late Spring*

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Mayowa and the Sea of Words

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Catherine Doyle, *Late Spring*

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We are Family: Six Kids and a Super-Dad

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A Sea of Wolves

Sarah Street, *Summer*

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Axie Oh, *Late Spring*

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Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé and Adiba Jaigirdar, *Summer*

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Emma Lord, *Early Spring*

The God and the Gumiho

Sophie Kim, *Summer*

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Anthony Horowitz, adapted by Maxe L'Hermenier, illus. Clément Lefèvre, *Early Spring*

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Kacen Callender, *Early Spring*

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Elle McNicoll, *Late Spring*

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The Brainiac's Book of the Body and Brain

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