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**2018 SSYRA - First Line of the Books**

**Grades 6-8**

***A Crack in the Sea:*** “When Kinchen came back from milking the goats, Old Ren sat up in bed and told her that Pip was gone.”

***Click’d***: “Allie tightened her grip on her phone as she stepped from behind the curtain and walked to the center of the stage.”

***Curse of the Boggin:*** “It was under the bed.””

***First Rule of Punk:*** “Dad says punk rock only comes in one volume: loud. So when I slipped my headphones over my ears, I turned the music up until bass strings thumped, cymbals hissed, and guitar strings squealed like they were having a conversation with each other.”

***Forest of Wonders:*** “Raffa hesitated at the head of the steep stairs, a lantern in his hand. There was nothing wrong with going into the cellar, he told himself firmly.”

**Frogkisser!:** “The scream was very loud and went on for a very long time.”

***Ghost:*** “CHECK THIS OUT.”

***How Lunchbox Jones Saved Me from Robots, Traitors, and Missy the Cruel:*** “Rumor had it that inside the Forest Shad Middle School’s mascot costume was a seventy-two-year-old woman.”

***Restart:*** “I remember falling”

***Short:*** “I’m officially resigning from love.”

***The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora:*** “Some secrets are small--the size of a battery, or a button, or a scrap of paper.”

***The Eureka Key:*** “Sam’s eyes were on the clock: 9:54.”

***The Firefly Code:*** “Everyone goes to sleep at the same time on Firefly Lane.”

***The Girl Who Could Not Dream:*** “Sophie had only ever stolen one dream.”

***The Van Gogh Deception:*** “For almost three hundred years, the simple stone structures on the outskirts of the small French village of Locronan had served as home to a family of farmers.”