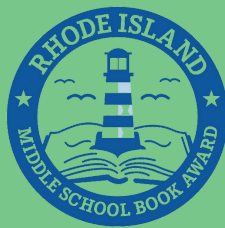




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Honestly Elliot by Gillian McDunn
A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll
The Science of Being Angry by Nicole Melleby
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Fantasy

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Endling: the last by Katherine Applegate
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When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller
Savvy by Ingrid Law
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Science Fiction

**Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks
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Sal & Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos
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