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### QUINN VALENTINE

**The Legend of the Bluebonnet** Putnam Juvenile

NO. MORE. HOMEWORK. That's what sixth grader Sam Warren tells his teacher while standing on top of his desk. He's fed up with doing endless tasks from the time he gets home to the time he goes to sleep. Suspended for his protest, Sam decides to fight back. He recruits his elderly neighbor/retired attorney Mr. Kalman to help him file a class action lawsuit on behalf of all students in Los Angeles. Their argument? Homework is unconstitutional. With a ragtag team—aspiring masterchef Alistair, numbers gal Catalina, sports whiz Jaesang, rebel big sister Sadie and her tech-savvy boyfriend Sean—Sam takes his case to federal court. He learns about the justice system, kids' rights, and constitutional law. And he learns that no matter how many times you get knocked down, there's always an appeal...until the nine justices have the last say. Will Sam's quest end in an epic fail, or will he be the hero who saves childhood for all time?

*Bonjour, Mr. Satie* Penguin

The latest addition to the Newbery Honor award-winning 26 Fairmount Avenue series. World War II is raging in Europe, and Tomie finds that life has changed in many ways. Now he has to wear an extra sweater to school because they're trying to conserve coal. Then tragedy brings the war home to the dePaola family, and all Tomie can do is ask "Why?" Just as he did in *I'm Still Scared*, the first installment of *The War Years*, Tomie dePaola touchingly illuminates the emotional confusion of a child's life during wartime.

*26 Fairmount Avenue* Penguin

When his grandfather suffers a stroke, Bobby teaches him to walk, just as his grandfather had once taught him.

*Roxie and the Hooligans* Penguin

Well-loved author Tomie dePaola brings his childhood memories to audio in this collection of the first four books from his 26 Fairmount Avenue series.

*26 Fairmount Avenue* Penguin

A perfect first Christmas book This inventive and fresh Nativity story is told from a bird's-eye view. On the morning of the first Christmas, the birds of Bethlehem gather in the fields—not only to eat but to share the exciting news. People from all over have descended on Bethlehem and an angel has appeared in the night sky. Something extraordinary is coming! The birds agree that they must find this wondrous thing, and off they fly to the stable where a child has been born. In simple language and dazzling pictures, beloved author-illustrator Tomie dePaola shares the awe and anticipation of the first Christmas. His cast of brightly colored, curious birds will appeal to young children, making this a perfect introduction to the story of Christmas.

*26 Fairmount Avenue, #1* Turtleback

Children's author-illustrator Tomie De Paola describes his experiences at home and in school when he was a boy.

**Things Will Never Be the Same** Open Road Media

Hace mucho tiempo—a long time ago—there lived a beautiful young woman named Adelita. So begins the age-old tale of a kindhearted young woman, her jealous stepmother, two hateful stepsisters, and a young man in search of a wife. The young man,

Javier, falls madly in love with beautiful Adelita, but she disappears from his fiesta at midnight, leaving him with only one clue to her hidden identity: a beautiful rebozo—shawl. With the rebozo in place of a glass slipper, this favorite fairy tale takes a delightful twist. Tomie dePaola's exquisite paintings, filled with the folk art of Mexico, make this a Cinderella story like no other. *The Birds of Bethlehem* Simon and Schuster  
Lauer Middle School has a super-secret society—The Legend. No one knows who is in it. Or how they pull off the spectacular schoolwide events. Seventh grader Travis Raines may be about to find out. A shiny blue envelope marked For Your Eyes Only mysteriously appears in his locker. You have been chosen, the message says. But if Travis is to become Legendary, he must first solve a series of mind-bending puzzles and complete their challenges. Then he needs to stay out of trouble. The assistant principal has her eye on him. So do his parents. And even if he does all that's asked of him, Travis still has one question: is the message really from the Legend?

**T-Rex Is Missing!** Simon and Schuster

Tomie dePaola's beloved and bestselling *Strega Nona* gets in some friendly competition in this beloved addition to the series! *Strega Nona* (Grandma Witch) has cures for warts and headaches, even lovesickness. She uses old-fashioned potions and magic and the villagers in Calabria flock to her door. But when her friend *Strega Amelia* comes over the mountain for a visit, she brings more than just gossip. Soon she's set up her own shop, using the latest modern gadgets, offering sweets and cappuccino—to all of *Strega Nona's* regulars! Looks like *Strega Nona's* met her match, Unless she's got her own cure. For *Strega Amelia!* "A pleasure to read aloud, this features the broad humor that young children relish."—Booklist

*Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs* Penguin

Tommy's so excited that his mom is having a baby, and he asks her for a baby sister with a red ribbon in her hair. But he didn't ask for stern Nana Fall-River to come while his mom is in the hospital. Tommy and Nana don't get along very well, but when little Maureen is born, all the trouble is forgotten.

*Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?* Harper Collins

Tomie keeps hearing the phrase, "For the duration." Gas is being rationed "for the duration." The Fourth of July fireworks will be the last show "for the duration." So many things will be different as long as the war goes on, but much of Tomie's life goes on as usual. He's excited about starring in a dance recital, taking the bus around town all by himself, and having his first Communion. But Tomie is also still getting over his cousin's death in the war, and he has to say good-bye to his uncle as he ships off to basic training. And then he has a run-in with some bullies and his brother doesn't even help him out. Luckily, Tomie knows there are a lot of people he can count on for the duration.

*A Place Called Freedom* Penguin

Tommy is four years old, and he loves visiting the home of his grandmother, Nana Downstairs, and his great-grandmother, Nana Upstairs. But one day Tommy's mother tells him Nana Upstairs won't be there anymore, and Tommy must struggle with saying good-bye to someone he loves. Updated with new, full-color illustrations, this classic story will continue to win the hearts of readers of all ages. "Children will want to hear this again and again." --School Library Journal, starred review "A quietly touching

story Athat? depicts loving family relationships." --Publishers Weekly

**Strega Nona's Gift** Yearling

When Big Anthony borrows *Strega Nona's* magic ring to turn himself into a handsome man, he gets more trouble than fun. *Why? The War Years* Simon and Schuster

A gorgeously depicted story of the Lady of Guadalupe and her love for the people of Mexico In stunning words and images, Tomie dePaola renders the beautiful story of the Mother of God appearing to an indigenous man in Mexico to teach true peace to the native people. In these visitations, the Lady of Guadalupe shows her great love for the Mexican people, and proves that culture need not be obliterated to bring the Christian faith to others. The beauty of the Lady's love is reflected in dePaola's spectacular watercolor illustrations. This is a fixed-format ebook, which preserves the design and layout of the original print book.

**The Legend of the Poinsettia** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the air raid drills and the need to darken windows at night fill first-grader Tomie with fear, but with reassurance from his parents, he finds a way to cope with living during a time of war.

*Class Action* Puffin Books

The third in a series of DePaola's memoirs vividly recounts the (mostly) serene days between the end of kindergarten and beginning of first grade.

**What a Year** Penguin

Morgie's favorite dino, T-Rex, is missing, and Morgie thinks that his best friend Billy may have taken it. Once again, Tomie dePaola has written a funny and easy-to-read story about two of the hardest words in the English language—"I'm sorry."

**The Dog That Stole Home** Penguin

Tomie has his own diary with a lock and a key&150now he can write down all his secrets and no one will be able to read them. All through the year, exciting things happen and Tomie writes about them in his diary. Sledding down the steep hill on his new Junior Flexible Flyer, being a pirate in the dance recital, and starting second grade with real art lessons at last! Then one Sunday morning Tomie's family hears news on the radio that changes everything. Master storyteller Tomie dePaola takes us back to 1941 and lets us experience what life was like growing up in the dePaola household.

*On My Way* HarperCollins

Do not panic. Lord Thistlebottom's Book of Pitfalls and How to Survive Them has taught Roxie Warbler how to handle all sorts of situations. If Roxie's ever lost in the desert, or buried in an avalanche, or caught in a dust storm, she knows just what to do. But Lord Thistlebottom has no advice to help Roxie deal with Helvetia's Hooligans, the meanest band of bullies in school. Then Roxie finds herself stranded on a deserted island with not only the Hooligans but also a pair of crooks on the lam, and her survival skills may just save the day -- and turn the Hooligans into surprising allies.

*Travels with My Family* Penguin

When his telepathic dog Harry is grounded for nipping another dog, Mike wonders how he'll ever make it through the baseball game without his advice and encouragement. Sequel to "The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter"