Nothing More Dangerous
by Allen Eskens

“Nothing More Dangerous buzzes along with the tempo of a boyhood story that almost tells itself. . . . The story is gripping and yet reassuring as the boys’ friendship deepens. Their summer adventures exploring the woods take on a ‘Stand By Me’ quality with Stephen King-like dread around every bend.”

-- Minneapolis Star Tribune

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Catfishing on CatNet
by Naomi Kritzer

“The characters offer positive, realistic LGBTQIA+ representation—especially nonbinary identities and characters still exploring their identities. Refreshingly, the characters also feel like generally-woke-but-still-imperfect humans. Wickedly funny and thrilling in turns; perfect for readers coming-of-age online.”

-- Kirkus Reviews, starred review

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My Mighty Journey
by John Coy
Illustrated by Gaylord Schanilec

“The scope of time is apparent from the first words of this impressive book, which traces a waterfall on the Mississippi River from the robust days of the woolly mammoth to its more restrained incarnation today: ‘For those who came before, those now, and those to come.’”

-- Star Tribune

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What Color is Night?
by Grant Snider

“If you think the night is black, think again. Snider’s elegant nocturnal idyll explores the many colors visible to those who ‘look closer.’ [What Color is Night?] will have young readers hoping to stay up for a glimpse of ‘colors unseen.’”

-- Kirkus Reviews