NONFICTION
Sala’s Gift
Ann Kirschner

“My mother had a secret.” So begins Kirschner’s gripping account of her mother’s five years in the brutal world of Nazi labor camps, about which she had never told her children. Reconstructing the story through newly found, intimate letters, Kirschner not only learns about her mother but illuminates a lesser-known corner of Holocaust history.

FICTION
Absurdistan
Gary Shteyngart

Like Misha Vainberg, his main character and son of Boris (the 1,238th richest man in Putin’s Russia), Shteyngart is no stranger to straddling two worlds. Be prepared to laugh—and leave political correctness at the border—when entering the imaginary, oil-rich post-Soviet republic of Absurdsvani, which faithfully lives up to its name.

SHORT FICTION
How This Night is Different
Elisa Albert

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CHILDREN’S LITERATURE
The Adventures of Rabbi Harvey
Steve Sheinkin

From putting tough guy “Big Mill” Wasserman in his place to convincing a boy that he is not a chicken, Rabbi Harvey saves the day in the Wild West. With Jewish wit and simple strokes, Sheinkin has created a graphic novel for the whole family. As one of our Publish-a-Kid reviewers raves, it’s “awesome, and most of all hilarious!”

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