IT WASN’T ME (Delacorte 2018)
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Six Stories. One Truth.
The Breakfast Club meets middle school mystery in this story of six very different seventh graders forced together in the aftermath of a vandalism incident.

When Theo’s photographs are vandalized and trashed beyond all recognition, there are five kids at the scene: The Nerd, the Princess, the Jock, the Weirdo, and the Screw-Up. All anyone will say is “It wasn’t me.”

Theo doesn’t care who it was, he just wants to stop being the victim. The sooner the school forgets the whole humiliating thing, the better. But his favorite teacher is asking the six of them to spend vacation week together “learning to trust” and getting to the truth. She calls it a Justice Circle. He calls it his worst nightmare.

Theo knows everything he needs to know about his classmates, and he’s sure this Justice Circle is going to be an epic and totally mortifying waste of time. But after a few days of sock puppets gone wrong, artificial flesh wounds, and dangerous candy reconnaissance missions, he’s not so certain. As they share their secrets, Theo realizes that he doesn’t know anyone as well as he thought, not even himself. And the truths they share might change their lives forever.

Hilarious, awkward, surprising, and ultimately heartwarming, IT WASN’T ME is a guessing game that keeps readers wondering: what lies behind the labels we wear?

Praise:
“…A story about six kids who find their way to true friendship and fierce loyalty, and why restorative justice is worth the time and effort it takes.” —Publisher’s Weekly, Starred Review

“A timely, introspective whodunit with a lot of heart.” —Kirkus, Starred Review

“Levy writes in an easy style with laugh-out-loud humor, offering characters that slowly reveal deeper complexity. […]. VERDICT This is an engaging read with quirky, likable characters with whom tweens will identify. A good purchase for any collection serving middle schoolers. — School Library Journal, Starred Review

• A Junior Library Guild Selection

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Sara Johnston-Fischer loves her family, of course. But that doesn’t mean she’s thrilled when her summer plans are upended for a surprise cross-country train trip with her two moms, Mimi and Carol; her younger sister, Ladybug; her older sister, Laurel; and Laurel’s poncho-wearing activist boyfriend, Root. And to make matters worse, one of her moms is writing a tell-all book about the trip . . . and that means allllll, every ridiculous and embarrassing moment of Sara’s life.

Sara criss-crosses the country with a gaggle of wild Texans. As they travel from New Orleans to Chicago to the Grand Canyon and beyond, Sara finds herself changing along with the landscape outside the train windows. And she realizes that she just might go home reinvented.

Praise:
“Sara has a truly unique tween voice, with her concerns about big-picture issues never diminishing the importance of her need for a new hair look or a burgeoning friendship with a fellow traveler…its engaging main character makes it a truly memorable read.” —Booklist, starred review

“This story is never preachy; it ranges from laugh-out-loud funny to incredibly moving, and the voices are true. Ignore the title: this is a good story already.” —Kirkus Reviews

“Levy mixes hilarious family escapades with amusing facts about the places they visit, and throws in a distinct but not pedantic dash of social justice, mostly through Sara’s elder sister Laura, who is considering dropping out of college to be an activist. Despite the humor, though, the book also offers much insight into the nature of relationships, familial and otherwise, and ends up being surprisingly touching.” —Dana Rudolph, Bay Windows

• American Bookseller’s Association Summer 2017 “Indies Next Pick”
• A Junior Library Guild Selection
THE FAMILY FLETCHER TAKES ROCK ISLAND (Delacorte 2016)
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Welcome to Rock Island, a place where time (should) stand still.

In this stand-alone companion to The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher, the Fletchers head to their beloved Rock Island, a tiny island out to sea where everything stays the same…until this year. With the lighthouse threatened, the Fletcher boys and their new friends have to confront changes in themselves and the island they love.

The Fletchers are back on Rock Island, home of all their best summer memories. Romping in the surf, biking the windy shore roads, and catching crabs are just a few of the island’s delights. And best of all is the Rock Island Lighthouse, right next door and theirs to explore, year after year. But from their first day on the island it’s clear that this year, things have changed.

Add a dose of Shakespeare, a very tippy kayak, a video camera, and (maybe, possibly, or not) a swimming cat, and the recipe for a crazy summer is complete. Sam, Jax, Eli, and Frog’s time on Rock Island is not at all what they expected. Can Rock Island remain the same, even with all these transformations? For the Fletcher boys, and even for Papa and Dad, the summer brings new changes, both in themselves and the island they love.

Praise:
"An old-fashioned summer adventure set in a very modern world, this lively family tale will leave readers impatient for more." —Kirkus Reviews, starred review

“As in the first book, gentle humor abounds: in one memorable scene, a series of mishaps literally sinks the boys’ latest lighthouse fund-raising scheme…A must-have middle grade family story with contemporary sensibilities.” —School Library Journal, starred review

- Amazon Best of the Month Selection
- Junior Library Guild selection
- Bank Street’s Best Books List
- Chicago Public Library Best Books List
- 2017 Rainbow List
- Washington State and New Jersey State Awards List

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THE MISADVENTURES OF THE FAMILY FLETCHER (Delacorte 2014)
ISBN: 9780385376556
Meet the Fletchers: four boys, two dads, and one new neighbor who just might ruin everything.

Sam, age 12
Mostly interested in soccer. And food. And his phone.

Jax, age 10
Psyched for fourth grade. Thinks the new neighbor stinks, and not just because of the skunk.

Eli, age 10 (but younger than Jax)
Delighted to be starting this year at the Pinnacle School, where everyone’s “the smart kid.”

Frog (not his real name), age 6
Wants his new friends at kindergarten to save a seat for his invisible cheetah.

The start of the school year is not going as hoped for the Fletcher brothers. Their miserable new neighbor, Mr. Nelson, complains about everything. Even worse, each boy finds his plans for school success veering off in unexpected directions. As the year continues, the boys learn the hard and often hilarious lesson that sometimes what you least expect is what you come to care about the most.

Praise:
"Their banter is realistic, and the disorder of their everyday lives, convincing. The Fletcher family rules!" —Kirkus Reviews, Starred

"With its semi-episodic structure, laugh-out-loud humor, and mix of zaniness and love, Levy’s debut offers something truly significant: a middle-grade family story featuring gay parents and interracial families that is never about either issue.” —School Library Journal, Starred

- ALA Notable Books for Children 2015, Middle Reader
- American Booksellers Association “Indies Introduce New Voices” selection
- NPR’s Best Books of 2014 list
- Junior Library Guild selection
- ABC Best Books for Children 2014
- Bank Street’s Best Books List
- 2015 CCBC Choices list
- Multiple State Award Lists (MA, WA, CT, HI, IL, VT, NJ, RI, ME)