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Ivy + Bean
by Annie Barrows
Spunky Bean thinks dress-wearing Ivy is too boring to play with until Ivy comes to Bean’s rescue and a friendship is born. (series)

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Dragons and Marshmallows
by Asia Citro
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Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen
by Debbi Michiko Florence
Considered too young to make this Japanese treat during her family’s New Year celebration, Jasmine, 8, is determined to help. (series)

Blue Daisy
by Helen Frost
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Garvey’s Choice
by Nikki Grimes
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The Princess in Black
by Shannon Hale
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by Lyla Lee
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by Dawn Quigley
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