Robot Zot! by Jon Scieszka

I Always, ALWAYS Get My Way by Thad Krasnesky
Emmy gets away with everything—she’s only 3, after all—until her parents reach the limit of their patience, and Emmy must face a new concept: consequence. Flashlight Press, $17. Ages 3 to 6.

All Kinds of Families by Mary Ann Hoberman
“Bottle caps, ginger-snaps, buttons, or rings/You can make families from all sorts of things” says this inclusive, poetic book about families. Marc Boutavant’s illustrations delight and charm. Little, Brown, $17. Ages 2 to 5.

William S. and the Great Escape by Zilpha Keatley Snyder
William has been planning his escape from his horrible family for a long time. But then his younger sister demands to come along. Will they be able to evade the grasp of their terrifying father and stepbrothers? Simon & Schuster, $17. Ages 8 to 12.

Flight of the Phoenix by R.L. LaFevers
Nathaniel Fludd, declared an orphan and sent to live with his cousin (a beastologist by trade), is soon mixing with dodos, gremlins, and basilisks. Houghton Mifflin, $16. Ages 8 to 12.