



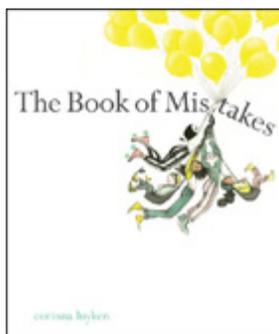
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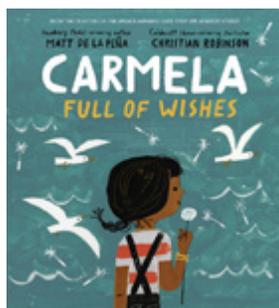


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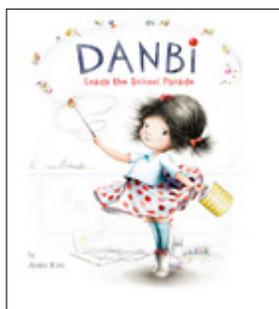


[The Book of Mistakes](#) by Corinna Luyken. Zoom meets *Beautiful Oops!* in this memorable picture book debut about the creative process and the way in which “mistakes” can blossom into inspiration.



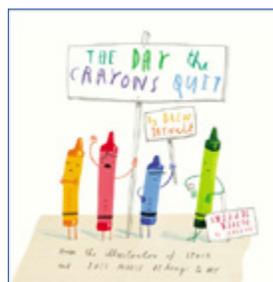
[Carmela Full of Wishes](#) by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson. Carmela is already having an amazing birthday running errands with her brother when she finds a lone dandelion growing in the pavement. Faced with

another wish, Carmela must decide what else to wish for.



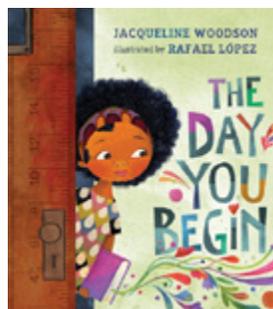
[Danbi Leads the School Parade](#) by Anna Kim. Danbi is excited to start school in America but soon realizes that she doesn't know any of her classmates' games or dances. As she learns to navigate her two cultures,

she realizes that when you open your world to others, their world opens up to you.



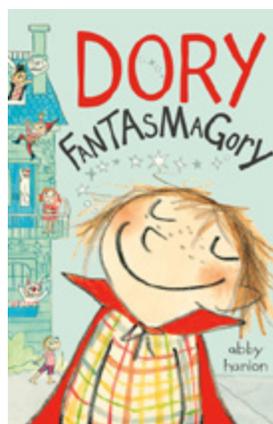
[The Day the Crayons Quit](#) by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They

quit! What can Duncan possibly do to appease all the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best?

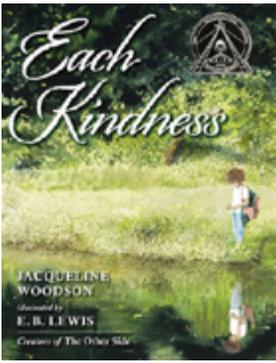


[The Day You Begin](#) by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López. Lyrical text and dazzling art remind us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes—and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach

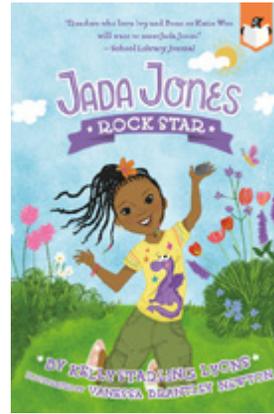
out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway.



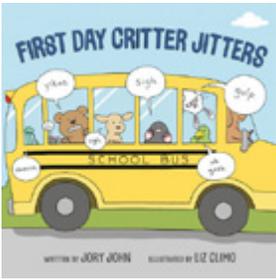
[Dory Fantasmagory](#) by Abby Hanlon. Move over, Junie B. Jones and Ivy & Bean! Here comes a lovably energetic little sister with a BIG personality—and an imagination to match!



Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis. Each kindness makes the world a little better. With its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, it will resonate with readers long after they've put it down.



Jada Jones #1: Rock Star by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton. Fans of Princess Posey and Ivy and Bean will enjoy engaging with science-loving Jada Jones in this easy-to-read chapter book.

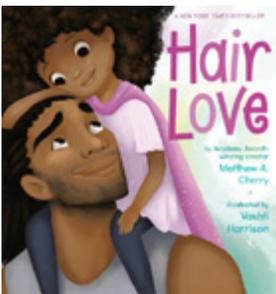


First Day Critter Jitters by Jory John, illustrated by Liz Climo. First-day-of-school jitters have never been funnier or more reassuring than in this best-selling picture book about overcoming fears together.



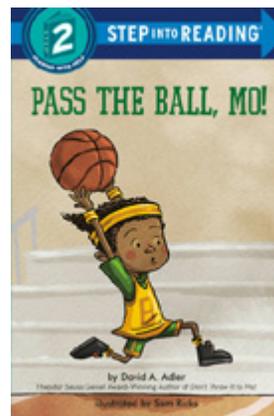
Ordinary People Change the World: I Am Amelia Earhart by Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos. Amelia Earhart refused to accept no for an answer; she dared to do what no one had ever done before and became the first woman to fly a plane all the way across the Atlantic Ocean. Follow her from her first flying lessons to her multi-record-breaking career as a pilot.

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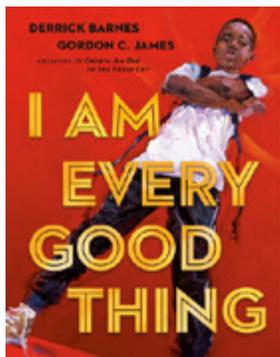


Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry, illustrated by Vashti Harrison. Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he

has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her—and her hair—happy. Tender and empowering, *Hair Love* is an ode to loving your natural hair.



Pass the Ball, Mo! by David Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks. Mo's latest obsession is basketball. He's determined to learn how to pass, but as the shortest member of the team, he can't seem to launch the ball high enough. Can Mo learn to pass in time to help his team win the big game?

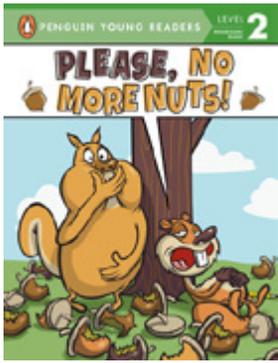


I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes, illustrated by Gordon C. James. The confident Black narrator of this book is proud of everything that makes him who he is. So slow down and really look and listen when somebody tells you—and shows you—who they are. There are superheroes in our midst!

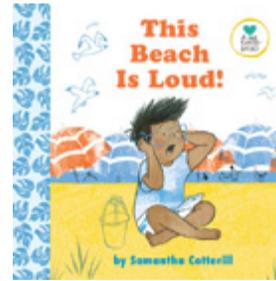


My Rainbow by Trinity and DeShanna Neal, illustrated by Art Twink. A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter. A celebration of showing up as our full selves with the people who have seen us fully all along.

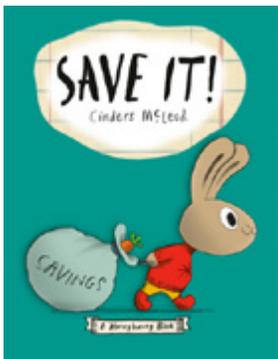
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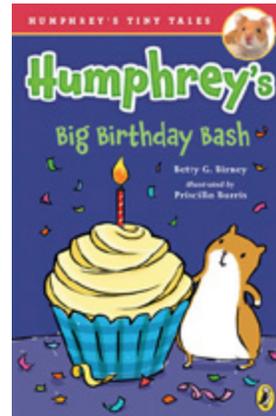
Please, No More Nuts! by Jonathan Fenske. The same squirrels of *We Need More Nuts!* have been eating nothing *but* nuts ever since—and now they're sick of them! How will they ever be able to get rid of them all? Unless, of course, *you'd* like to take some off their paws...



This Beach is Loud! by Samantha Cotterill. Patience, understanding, and a soothing exercise save the beach day when excitement turns to sensory overload.



Save It! by Cinders McLeod. A charming introduction to simple money concepts in which a little bunny learns about the power and satisfaction that come with saving money.



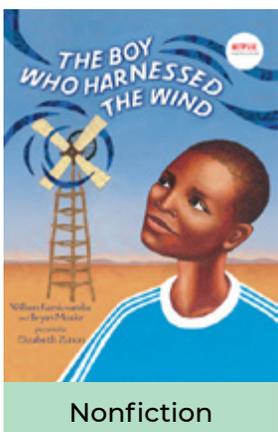
Humphrey's Tiny Tales by Betty G. Birney, illustrated by Priscilla Burris. In these chapter books perfect for emergent readers, Humphrey, everyone's favorite classroom hamster, has hamster-iffic adventures that are full of surprises.



Stop! Bot! by James Yang. A little boy must go on an adventure to rescue his "bot" when it floats up out of his hands like a balloon. Every resident of his apartment building tries to help, but will they rescue the Bot before it's too late?! Children will love all the funny details and easy-to-read words in this very playful picture book!



The Yawns are Coming! by Christopher Eliopoulos. Two best friends have big plans for their sleepover. They aren't going to go to bed at all—they'll stay up playing all night long. But then it happens: The YAWNS show up! And as much as they try to outrun and hide from them, it's no use: The Yawns catch them. Maybe they could keep going anyway, but then a DOZE arrives . . . followed by the dreaded SNORES. Will our heroes escape the SLEEPYIES?



The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Lyrically told and gloriously illustrated, this picture book will inspire many as it shows how—even in the worst of times—a great idea and a lot of hard work can still rock the world.

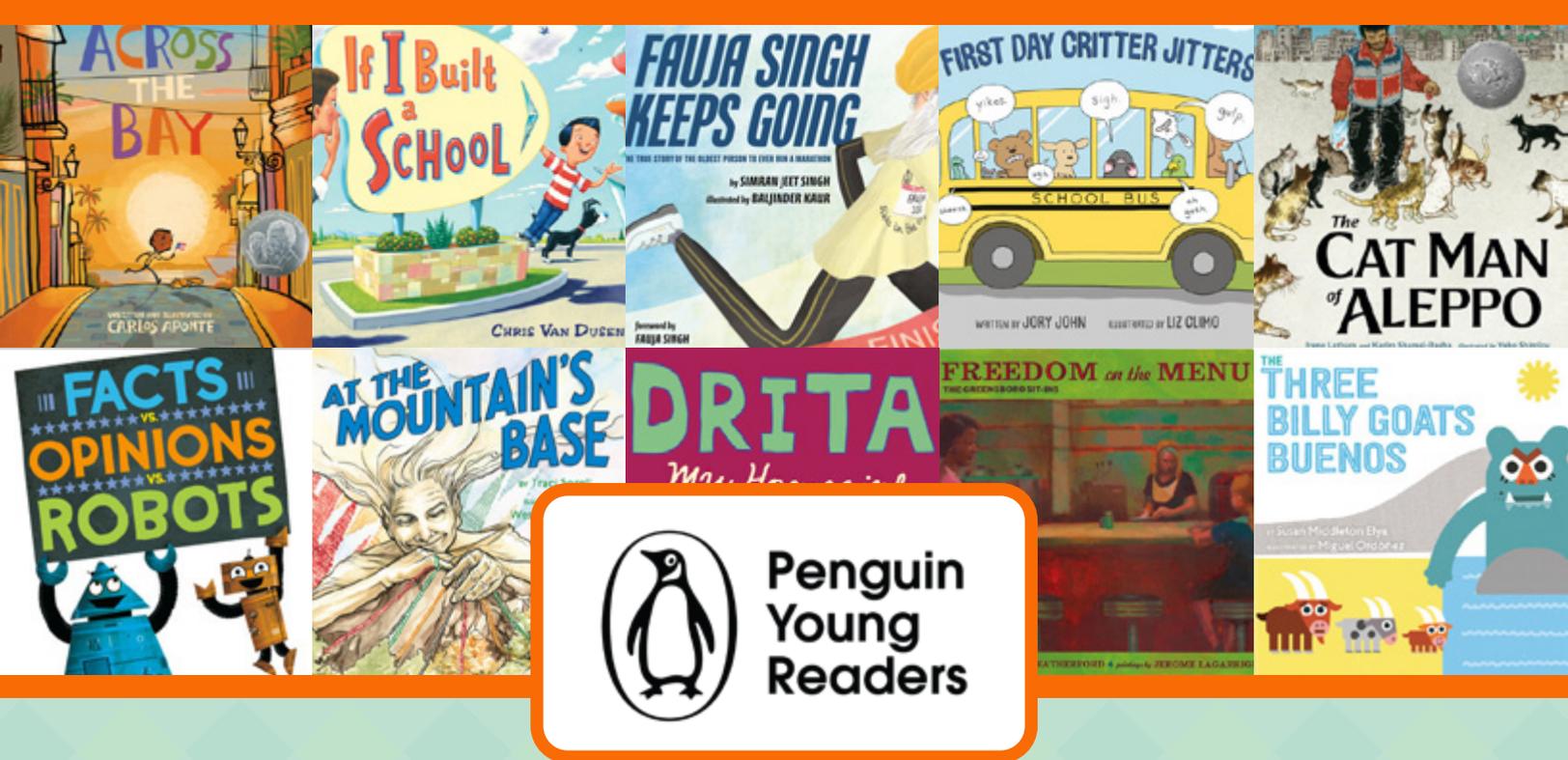
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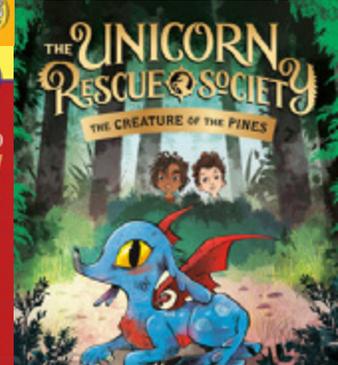
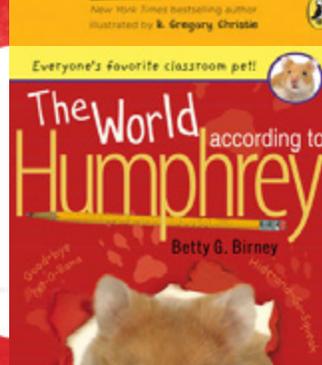
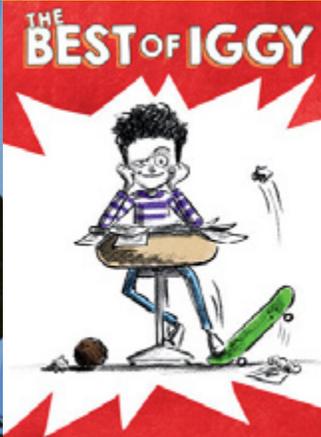
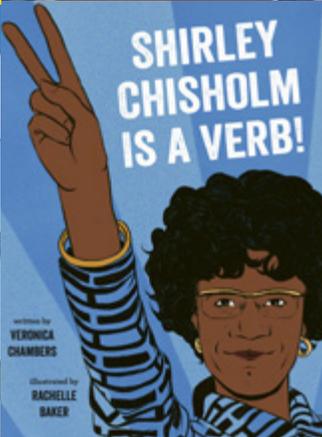
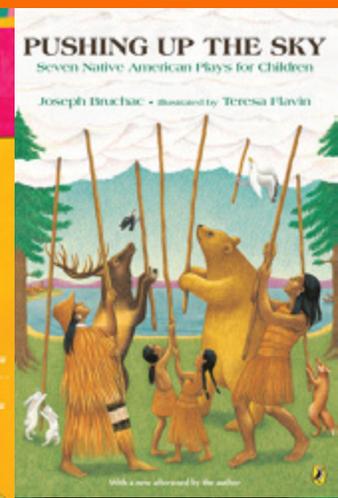
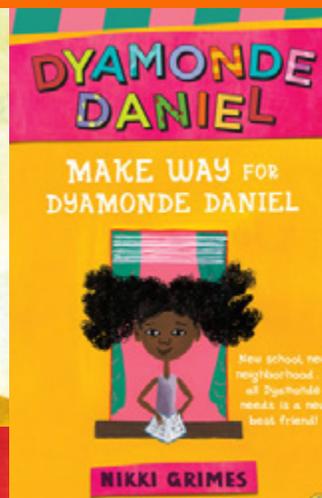
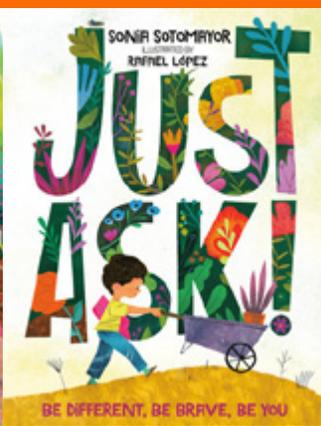
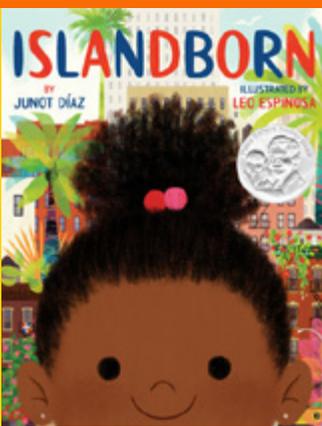
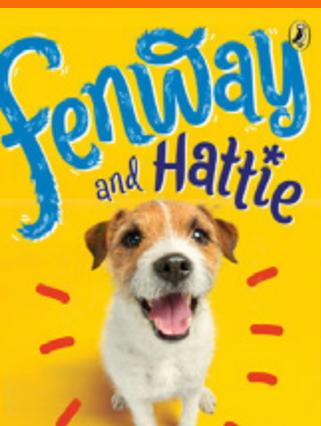
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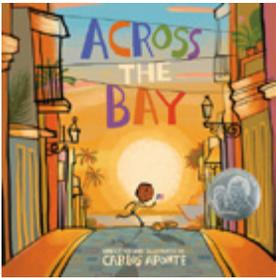
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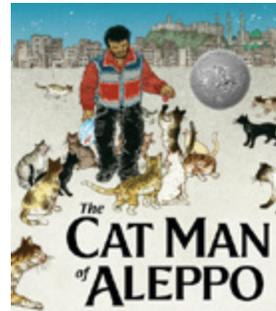
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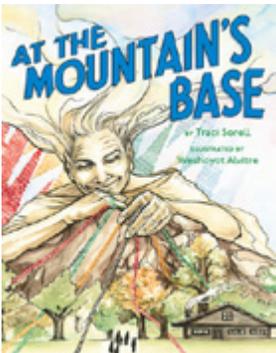
Across the Bay by Carlos Aponte. Life in Carlitos' hometown is cozy as can be, but the call of the capital city pulls him across the bay in search of his father. Jolly piragüeros, mischievous

cats, and costumed musicians color this tale of love, family, and the true meaning of home.



Nonfiction

The Cat Man of Aleppo by Karim Shamsi-Basha and Irene Latham, illustrated by Yuko Shimizu. The Caldecott Honor-winning true story of Mohammad Alaa Aljaleel, who in the midst of the Syrian Civil War, courageously offered safe haven to Aleppo's abandoned cats.



At the Mountain's Base by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre. A family, separated by duty and distance, waits for a loved one to return home in this lyrical picture book celebrating the bonds of a Cherokee family and the bravery of

history-making women pilots.



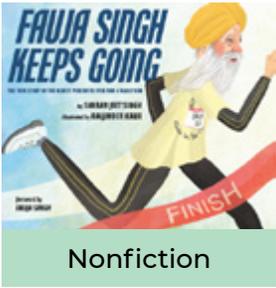
Drita, My Homegirl by Jenny Lombard. A poignant story about the difficulties of leaving everything behind and the friendships that help you get through it.



The Best of Iggy by Annie Barrows, illustrated by Sam Ricks. Iggy's not a bad kid; he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few (a few is anything up to 100) bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. Which ones? You'll have to read the book to find out!

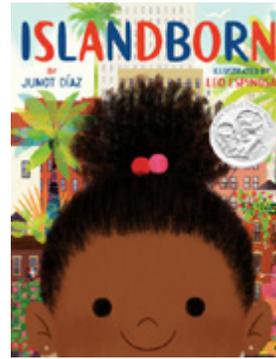


Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots by Michael Rex. Using hilarious robot examples, this book introduces and provides excellent examples of facts and opinions and instructs readers on how to tell the difference between the two.

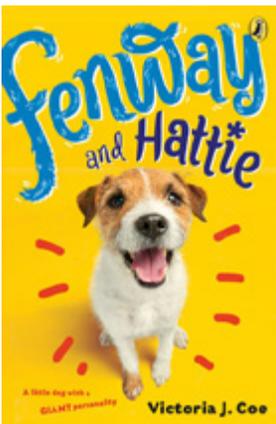


Fauja Singh Keeps Going by Simran Jeet Singh, illustrated by Baljinder Kaur. The true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first one-hundred-year-old to run

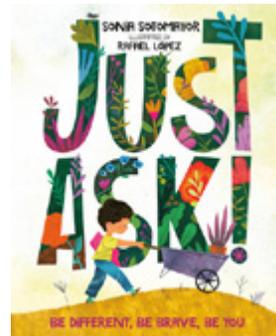
a marathon, shares valuable lessons on the source of his grit, determination to overcome obstacles, and commitment to positive representation of the Sikh community.



Islandborn by Junot Díaz, illustrated by Leo Espinosa. A celebration of creativity, diversity, and our imagination's boundless ability to connect us—to our families, to our past, and to ourselves.

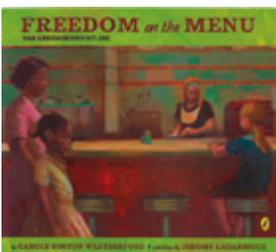


Fenway and Hattie by Victoria J. Coe. The adventures of Fenway, an excitable and endlessly energetic Jack Russell terrier, his Food Lady, Fetch Man, and—of course—his beloved short human and best-friend-in-the-world, Hattie.



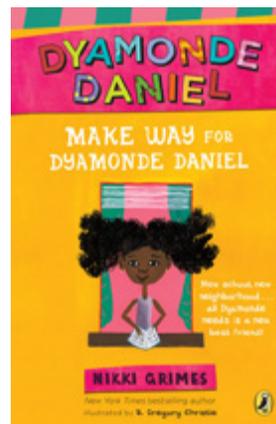
Just Ask! by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael López. The United States Supreme Court Justice celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with

diabetes, Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges—and looks at the special powers those kids have as well.

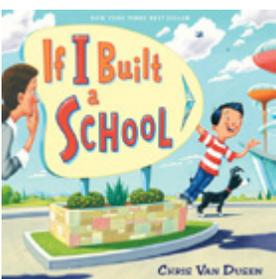


Freedom on the Menu by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue. There were signs all throughout town telling eight-year-old Connie

where she could and could not go. But when Connie sees four young men take a stand for equal rights at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, she realizes that things may soon change.

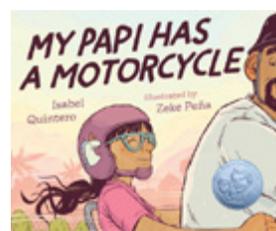


Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie. Dyamonde Daniel may be new in town, but that doesn't stop her from making a place for herself in a jiffy. With her can-do attitude and awesome brain power, she takes the whole neighborhood by storm.

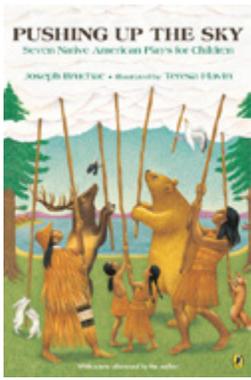


If I Built a School by Chris Van Dusen. If Jack built a school, there would be hover desks and pop-up textbooks, skydiving wind tunnels and a trampoline basketball court in the gym, a robo-

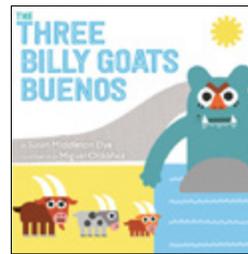
chef to serve lunch in the cafeteria, field trips to Mars, and a whole lot more.



My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Peña. A celebration of the love between a father and daughter and of a vibrant immigrant neighborhood.



[Pushing Up the Sky: Seven Native American Plays for Children](#) by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Teresa Flavin. From acclaimed Native American storyteller Joseph Bruchac comes a collection of seven lively plays for children to perform, each one adapted from a different traditional Native tale.



[The Three Billy Goats Buenos](#) by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Miguel Ordóñez. Three little cabritos have a clever plan to get past the grumpiest troll in the land.

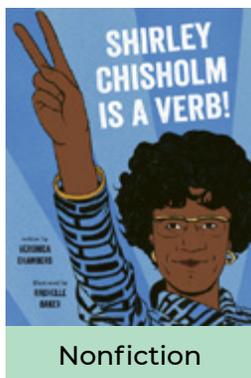
Dashes of humor, empathy, and kindness make this bilingual twist on “The Three Billy Goats Gruff” a charming delight that dares to ask the question: why is that troll so grumpy anyway?



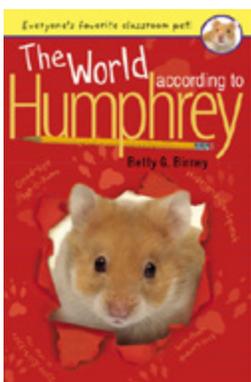
[Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag](#) by John Herman, illustrated by Robin Roraback. Some people call the American flag Stars and Stripes or Old Glory. But why? This Level 3 reader will tell you all about the history of the American flag.



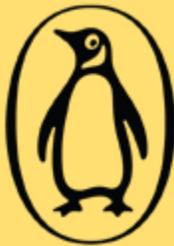
[Unicorn Rescue Society #1: The Creature of the Pines](#) by Adam Gidwitz, illustrated by Hatem Aly. Two students are about to begin the adventure of a lifetime as they become part of a secret group of adventurers, The Unicorn Rescue Society, whose goal is to protect and defend the world’s mythical creatures.



[Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb](#) by Veronica Chambers, illustrated by Rachelle Baker. A timely picture book biography about Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman in Congress, who sought the Democratic nomination to be the president of the United States.



[The World According to Humphrey](#) by Betty G. Birney. Boys and girls can’t help falling in love with Humphrey—the world’s favorite classroom pet! Kids will be eager to get their paws on all 12 books in the series!



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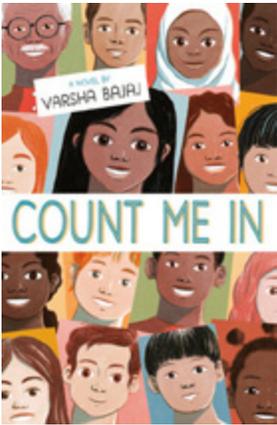
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Count Me In by Varsha Bajaj. An uplifting story, told through the alternating voices of two middle-schoolers, in which a community rallies to reject racism.



Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen! by Sarah Kapit. In this perfectly pitched novel-in-letters, autistic eleven-year-old Vivy Cohen won't let anything stop her from playing baseball—not when she has a major-league star as her pen pal.



Each Tiny Spark by Pablo Cartaya. A deeply moving middle grade novel about a daughter and father finding their way back to each other in the face of their changing family and community.



Give Bees a Chance by Bethany Barton. Not sure whether to high-five bees or run away from them? Well, maybe you shouldn't high-five them, but you definitely don't have to run away from them. It's more

important now than ever to get on board with our honey-making friends!

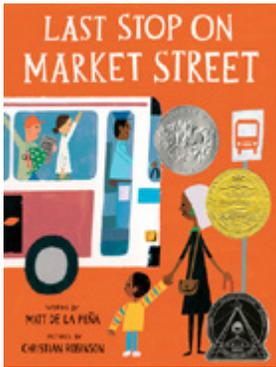


Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk. After losing almost everything in the Great Depression, Ellie's family is forced to leave their home in town and start over in the untamed wilderness of nearby Echo Mountain.

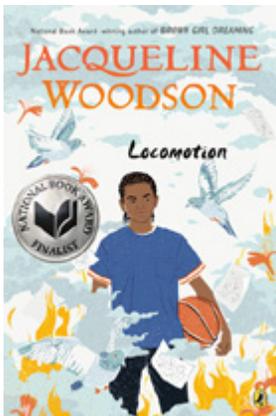


The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier, illustrated by Douglas Holgate. Ever since the monster apocalypse hit town, thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan has been living in his tree house. To make it, however, Jack knows he'll need a team. Will he, his best friend, the school bully,

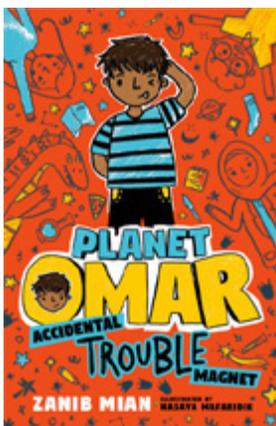
and the fiercest girl they know be able to work together to survive?



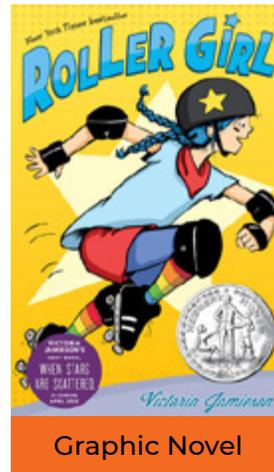
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson. An inclusive ode to kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places.



Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson. When Lonnie was seven years old, his parents died and he and his sister were sent to live in different foster homes. Told entirely through Lonnie's poetry, we see his heartbreak, his thoughtful perspective, and his determination to one day be reunited with his sister.



Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik. Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. Luckily, Omar's big imagination and goofy family help him get through it.



Graphic Novel



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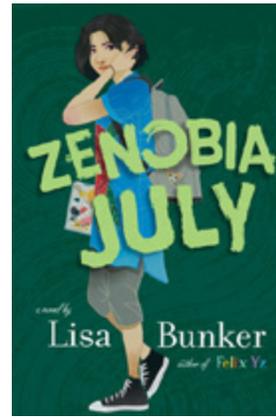
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson. A heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derby—perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier's *Smile!*

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer by Gillian Goetz. This middle-grade graphic novel introduces Jamila and Shirley, two unlikely friends who save each other's summers while solving their neighborhood's biggest mysteries.

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden. A creepy, spellbinding ghost story destined to become a classic. Three friends have to run away from a mysterious danger after their school bus breaks down during a class field trip.



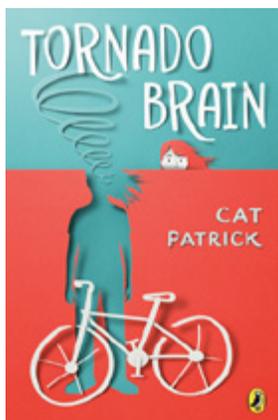
Soar by Joan Bauer. When a doping scandal leaves his town feeling betrayed and disgraced, Jeremiah makes it his personal mission to restore the town's morale and help the baseball teams involved bounce back and remember how to soar.



Zenobia July by Lisa Bunker. Zenobia July is starting a new life. She used to live in Arizona with her father; now, she's in Maine with her aunts. She used to spend most of her time behind a computer screen, improving her impressive coding and hacking skills; now, she's coming out of her shell and discovering a community of friends at Monarch Middle School. People used to tell her she was a boy; now, she's able to live openly as the girl she always knew she was.



Tight by Torrey Maldonado. Lately, Bryan's been feeling it in all kinds of ways. He knows what's tight for him in a good way—reading comics, drawing superheroes, and hanging out with no drama. But drama's hard to escape where he's from, and that gets him wound up tight.



Tornado Brain by Cat Patrick. In this heartfelt and powerfully affecting coming of age story, a neurodivergent 7th grader is determined to find her missing best friend before it's too late.



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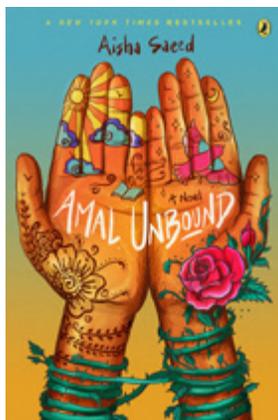
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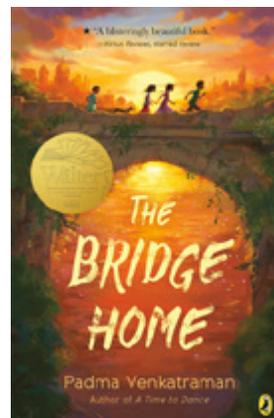
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Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed. Twelve-year-old Amal's dream of becoming a teacher one day is dashed in an instant when she accidentally insults a member of her Pakistani village's ruling family. As punishment, she must leave her family behind and go work as

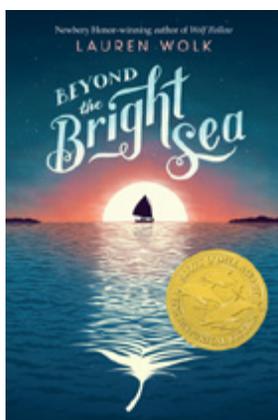
a servant for the ruling family. Amal realizes she is going to need to use all her courage if she plans to keep her family safe and win her freedom.



The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman. Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves on the streets of Chennai, India, in this beautifully written novel about young people who must use their instincts and grit to survive.



Dress Coded by Carrie Firestone. A middle-grade girl-power friendship story. Perfect for fans of *Moxie*, an eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion.

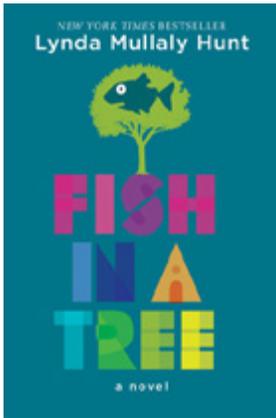


Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk. Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. When a mysterious fire appears across the water, the unspoken question of her own history forms

in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.

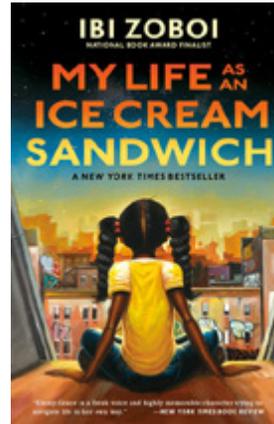


The First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Pérez. A wry and heartfelt exploration of friendship, finding your place, and learning to rock out like no one's watching.

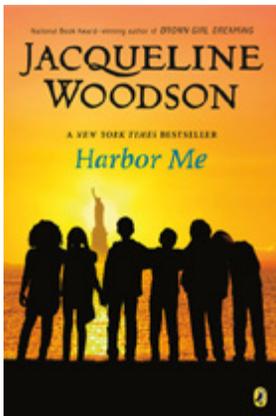


Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she can hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. Things change, however, when Ally's new teacher recognizes her dyslexia.

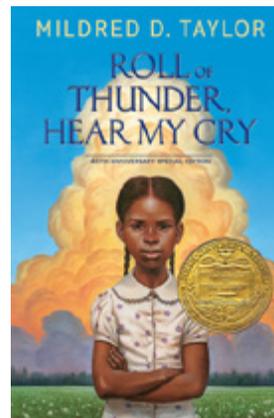
With his help, Ally sees that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.



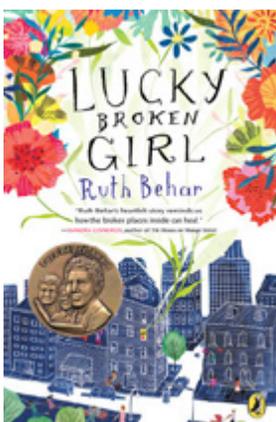
My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Zoboi. Twelve-year-old Ebony-Grace loves all things science fiction. In the summer of 1984, she goes to spend a few weeks with her father in Harlem. But soon, she realizes Harlem has more in common with her beloved sci-fi adventures than she ever thought possible.



Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson. It all starts when six kids must meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults to listen in. When they are together, they can express the feelings and fears they must hide from the rest of the world. And together, they can grow braver and more ready for the rest of their lives.



Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor. Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice.

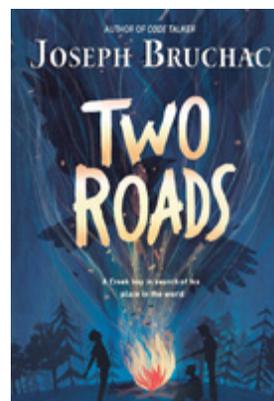


Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar. Based on the author's childhood in the 1960s—a young Cuban-Jewish immigrant girl is adjusting to her new life in New York City when her American dream is suddenly derailed. Ruthie's plight will intrigue readers, and her

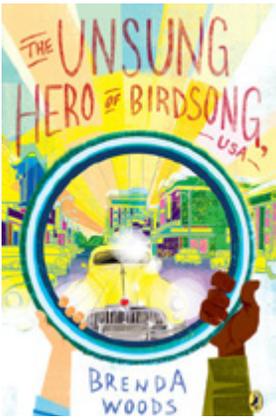
powerful story of strength and resilience, full of color, light, and poignancy, will stay with them for a long time.



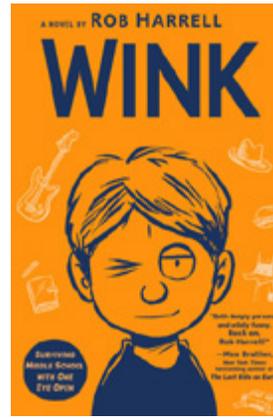
Stand Up, Yumi Chung! by Jessica Kim. One lie snowballs into a full-blown double life in this irresistible story about an aspiring stand-up comedian.



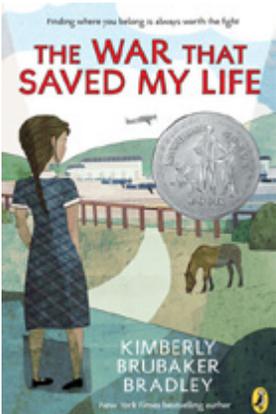
Two Roads by Joseph Bruchac. A boy discovers his Native American heritage in this Depression-era tale of identity and friendship.



[The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA](#) by Brenda Woods. The moving story of the friendship between a young white boy and a Black WWII veteran who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South.

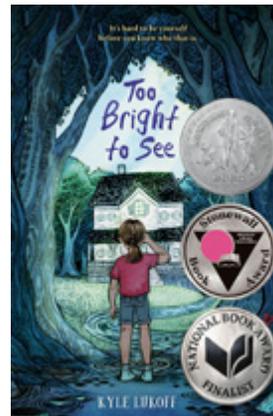


[Wink](#) by Rob Harrell. A hilarious and heart-wrenching story about surviving middle school—and an unthinkable diagnosis—while embracing life’s weirdness. Ross Maloy just wants to be a normal seventh grader. He doesn’t want to lose his hair, or wear a weird hat, or deal with the disappearing friends who don’t know what to say to “the cancer kid.” But with his recent diagnosis of a rare eye cancer, blending in is off the table.



[The War That Saved My Life](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada’s twisted foot to let her outside. So, when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada

doesn’t waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.



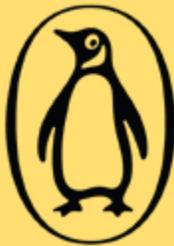
[Too Bright to See](#) by Kyle Lukoff. Bug’s haunted house has a new visitor and is trying to tell Bug something about friendship, identity, and family. This Newbery Honor and Stonewall Book Award-winner is a spooky and haunting ghost story about navigating grief,

growing up, and growing into a new gender identity.



[What Lane?](#) by Torrey Maldonado. Anything his friends can do, Stephen should be able to do too, right? So, when they dare each other to sneak into an abandoned building, he goes. Here’s the thing, though: *Can* he do *everything* his friends can? Lately, he’s not so sure. As a mixed

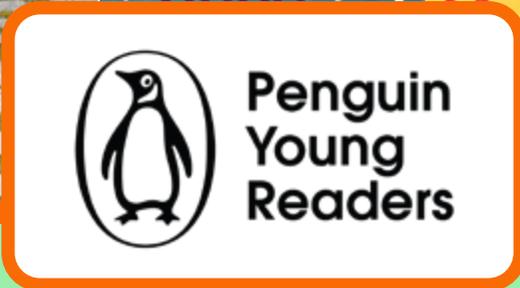
kid, he feels like he’s living in two worlds with different rules—and he’s been noticing that strangers treat him differently than his white friends . . .



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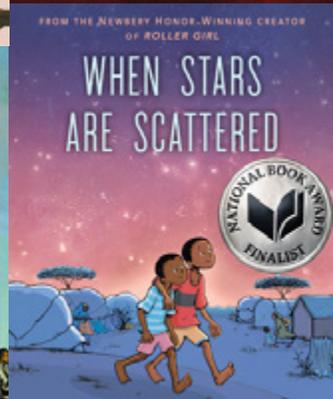
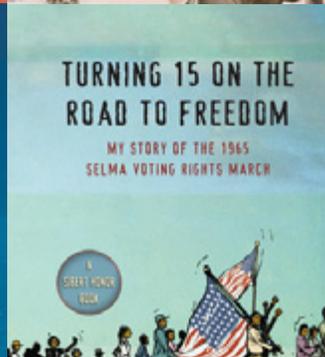
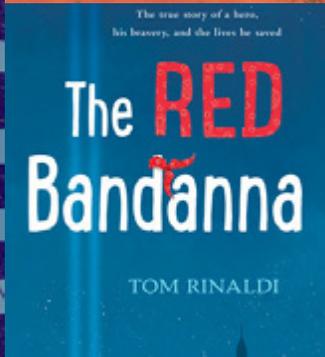
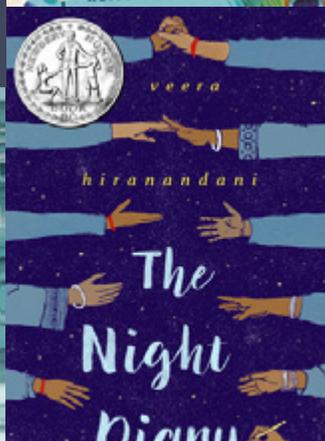
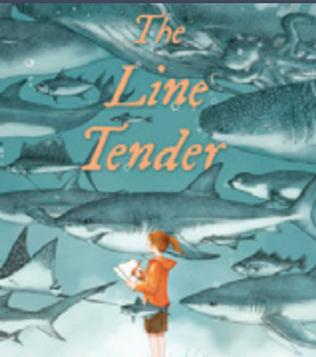
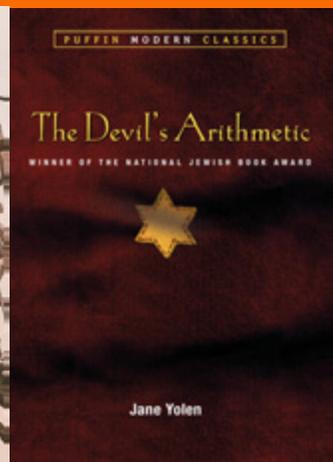
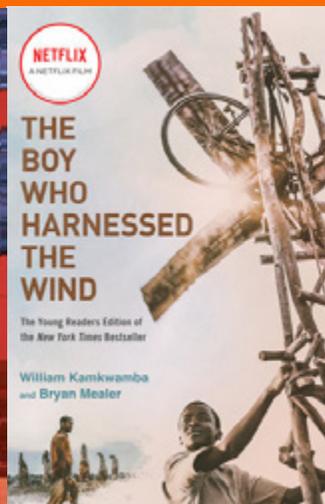
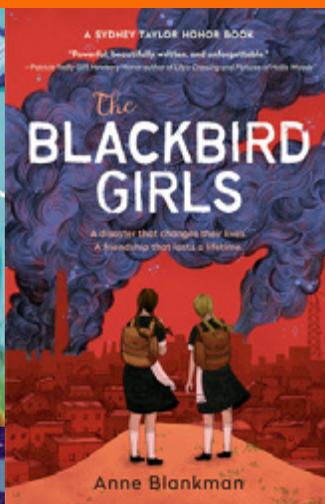
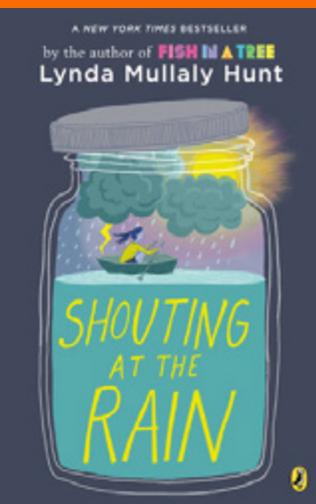
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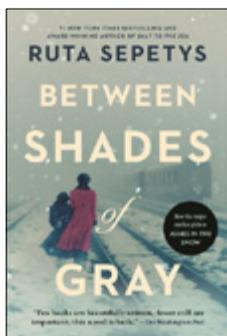
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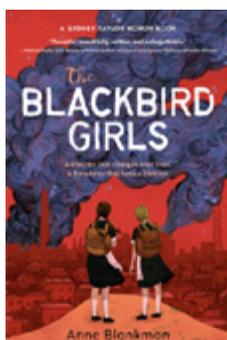
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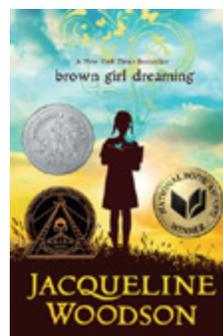
Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys. Fifteen-year-old Lina is an ordinary Lithuanian girl — until Soviet officers invade her home and force her family into a work camp. Lina documents it all in drawings. Risking everything, she includes clues to her location in her pictures, hoping they will

reach her father in the men's prison camp. But will strength, love, and hope be enough for Lina and her family to survive?



The Blackbird Girls by Anne Blankman. When a reactor at the nuclear power plant where their fathers work—Chernobyl—has exploded, neighbors Valentina and Oksana, who've always been enemies, have to learn to trust each other as they find themselves on a train bound for Leningrad.

With converging plot threads to WWII and how Jewish refugees came to Eastern Europe, this is a powerful novel about how hatred, intolerance, and oppression are no match for the power of true friendship.



Nonfiction

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson. In vivid poems, Woodson shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.



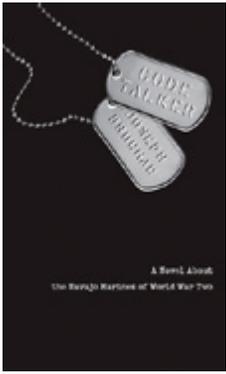
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The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, illustrated by Anna Hymas. A gripping memoir of survival and perseverance about the heroic young inventor who brought electricity to his Malawian village.



Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes. When Wesley Boone writes a poem for his high school English class, some of his classmates clamor to read their poems aloud too. Soon they're having weekly poetry sessions and, one by one, the eighteen students are sharing their thoughts and feelings

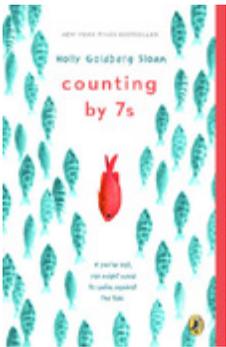
with each other. Their words and lives show what lies beneath the skin, behind the eyes, beyond the masquerade.



Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac. This fictional story is about Ned Begay, a sixteen-year-old Navajo boy who becomes a Navajo code talker during World War II. This deeply affecting novel honors all of those young men, like Ned, who dared to serve, and it honors the culture and language of the Navajo Indians.

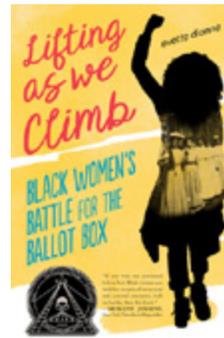


Legend by Marie Lu. What was once the western United States is now home to the Republic, a nation perpetually at war with its neighbors. When June's brother is murdered and Day becomes the prime suspect they find themselves caught in the ultimate game of cat and mouse. They are enemies until they uncover the secret that brought them together, and everything changes.



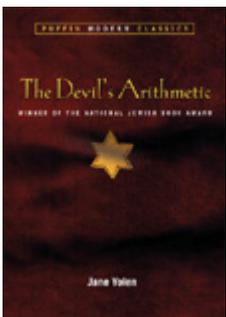
Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan. Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. With the help of her adoptive parents, she has managed to lead a quietly happy life. but after losing them,

Willow begins a journey to find a fascinatingly diverse and fully believable surrogate family.

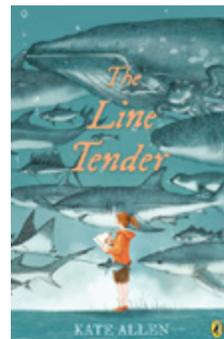


Lifting As We Climb by Evette Dionne. The important, overlooked story of Black women as a force in the suffrage movement—when fellow suffragists did not accept them as equal partners in the struggle.

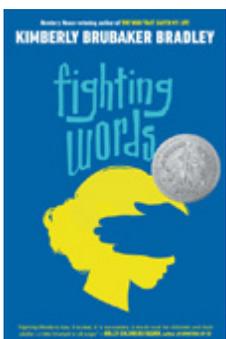
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The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen. Hannah is tired of holiday gatherings—all her family ever talks about is the past. But this year's Passover Seder will be different—Hannah will be mysteriously transported into the past . . . and only she knows the unspeakable horrors that await.

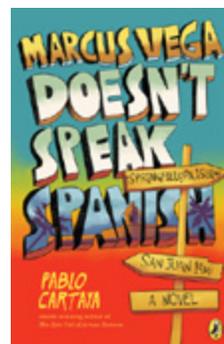


The Line Tender by Kate Allen. After a series of loss, Lucy picks up the work of her mom, a marine biologist studying sharks, to help her and her community process their grief. A story of nature's enduring mystery and a girl determined to find meaning and connection within it.

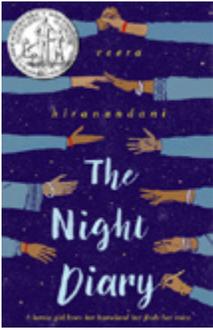


Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. In this powerful novel that explodes the stigma around child sexual abuse and leavens an intense tale with compassion and humor, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley tells a story about two sisters, linked by love and trauma, who must find their

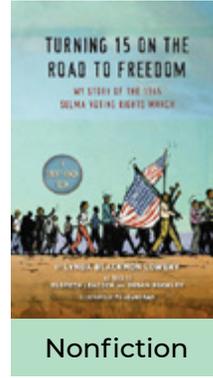
own voices before they can find their way back to each other.



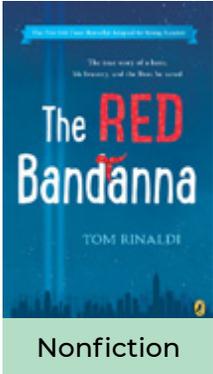
Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya. One boy's search for his father leads him to Puerto Rico in this moving middle-grade novel, for fans of *Ghost* and *See You in the Cosmos*.



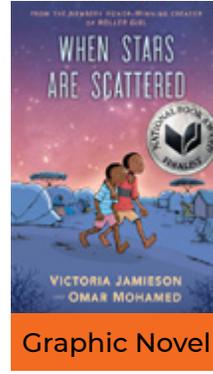
[The Night Diary](#) by Veera Hiranandani. It's 1947, and India has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees.



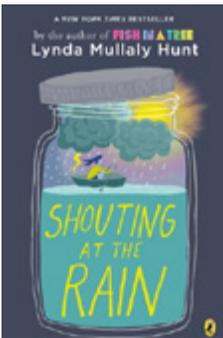
[Turning 15 On the Road to Freedom](#) by Lynda Blackmon Lowery, illustrated by PJ Loughran. A memoir of the Civil Rights Movement from one of its youngest heroes—now in paperback will an all-new discussion guide.



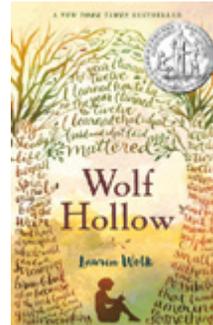
[The Red Bandanna](#) by Tom Rinaldi. An accessible young readers' adaptation of his *New York Times* bestselling book. This powerful story of making a difference through our actions is perfect for helping the post-9/11 generation understand this historic day through the eyes of one young man.



[When Stars are Scattered](#) by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, illustrated by Victoria Jamieson and Iman Geddy. A remarkable graphic novel about growing up in a refugee camp, as told by a former Somali refugee.



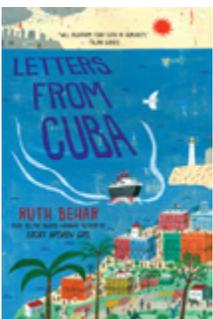
[Shouting at the Rain](#) by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. A compelling story about perspective and learning to love the family you have from the author of *Fish in a Tree*.



[Wolf Hollow](#) by Lauren Wolk. When the new girl in school begins to bully Toby, an odd but kind World War I veteran, Annabelle must find the courage to stand as a lone voice for justice.



[Strange Birds](#) by Celia C. Pérez. A story of four kids who form an alternative Scout troop that shakes up their sleepy Florida town. With themes of environmental activism, feminism, and class in a wildly fun read, this is a perfect read for fans of *Hoot*.



[Letters From Cuba](#) by Ruth Behar. The inspiring story of a Jewish girl who escapes Poland to make a new life in Cuba, where she works to rescue the rest of her family.



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