

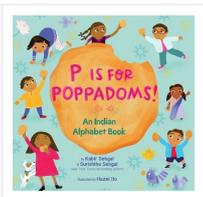
## Culturally Responsive Books for Elementary Schools

Here is a list of inclusive books for elementary students. These books represent children from a variety of backgrounds, including different beliefs and ethnicities. I have made an effort to only list books that represent different people, and not those that deal with issues.

We are seeing many new authors and illustrators from diverse backgrounds, and their contributions to the book industry help us learn more about ourselves and each other. Let's make our library collections more representative of the children in our communities, both locally and globally.

~ Maria Martella

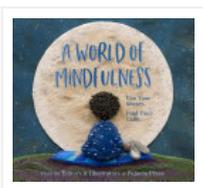
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### **P IS FOR POPPADOMS**

By: KABIR SEHGAL | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781534421721 | Price: \$19.19  
CONCEPTS | Theme(s): Diversity, India

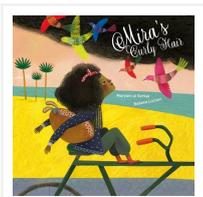
From New York Times bestselling authors Kabir Sehgal and Surishtha Sehgal comes a charming and unique alphabet book celebrating the rich culture, delicious foods, and fascinating animals of India. From C for chai to Y for yoga, this fresh alphabet book takes young readers on a spirited journey to discover the people, places, lifestyles, and language of India. Lush illustrations from debut illustrator Hazel Ito bring to life the beauty, wonder, and diversity of this vast and vibrant country.



### **WORLD OF MINDFULNESS**

By: ERIN ALLADIN | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781772781380 | Price: \$15.96  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Mindfulness, Diversity

From the creators of A World of Kindness, a meditative, sensory picture book with arresting art from fourteen illustrators featuring several exciting new artists



### **MIRA'S CURLY HAIR**

By: MARYAM ALSERKAL | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781911373612 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

Mira doesn't like her hair. It curls at the front. It curls at the back. It curls everywhere! She wants it to be straight and smooth, just like her Mama's. But then something unpredictable happens . . . and Mira will never look at her mama's hair the same way again! A delightful celebration of natural hair and the courage it takes to be yourself.

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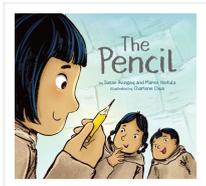
### MY FRIEND

By: ELISA AMADO | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781554989393 | Price: \$15.16

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Immigration, Diversity

Friendship -- to be known, to be accepted as you are, to feel safe, especially when you are vulnerable. The girl in this story has recently arrived in Brooklyn with her family. On her very first day at school she meets a girl who almost instantly becomes her very best friend. She feels known, loved and accepted by her. But when she invites her friend to come for dinner with her family -- a family that feels free to eat weird food and, even worse, burst into song with their version of a sentimental classic of longing and homesickness -- something shifts and she no longer feels safe at all. What will it be like tomorrow at school? Award-winning illustrator Alfonso Ruano's art beautifully depicts the depth of feeling that the friends experience in this story from acclaimed author and translator Elisa Amado, about how difficult it is to come from somewhere else and what a difference friendship can make.



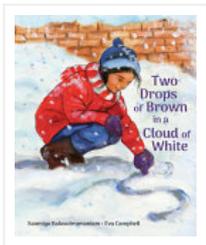
### PENCIL

By: SUSAN AVINGAQ | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781772272161 | Price: \$13.56

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous, Diversity

Susan and her sister, Rebecca, love watching their mother write letters to people in other camps. Their mother has one precious pencil, and she keeps it safe in her box for special things. One afternoon, their mother leaves the iglu to help a neighbour, and Susan, Rebecca, and their brother Peter are left with their father. They play all their regular games but are soon out of things to do — until their father brings out the pencil! As Susan draws and draws, the pencil grows shorter and shorter. What will their mother think when she comes home? Based on author Susan Avingaq's childhood memories of growing up in an iglu, this charming story introduces young readers to the idea of using things wisely.



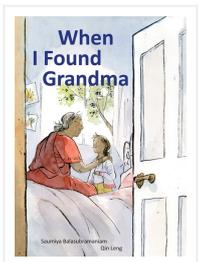
### 2 DROPS OF BROWN IN A CLOUD OF WHITE

By: S BALASUBRAMANIAM | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781773062587 | Price: \$15.16

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Immigration, Seasons, Diversity

A child's joy on a snowy day finally helps her mother feel at home in their new country and find the magic in new experiences.



### WHEN I FOUND GRANDMA

By: S BALASUBRAMANIAM | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781773060187 | Price: \$14.36

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Asian Heritage, India

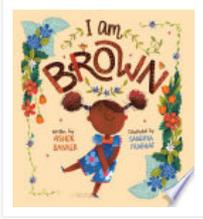
When Maya's grandma makes a surprise visit from thousands of miles away, Maya is delighted. But her excitement doesn't last long. When Grandma picks her up from school, she wears fancy clothes and talks too loudly. Grandma's morning prayer bells wake Maya up, and she cooks with ingredients Maya doesn't usually eat. Plus, Maya thinks cupcakes taste better than Grandma's homemade sweets. Maya and Grandma try to compromise, and on a special trip to the island Grandma even wears an "all-American" baseball cap. But when Maya rushes off to find the carousel, she loses sight of her mother, father and grandmother. She is alone in a sea of people - until she spots something bobbing above the crowd, and right away she knows how to find her way. Saumiya Balasubramaniam's story is an insightful and endearing portrayal of a grandparent-grandchild relationship that is evolving and deeply loving, as Maya and Grandma navigate cross-cultural contexts and generational differences. Qin Leng's sweet, evocative illustrations complement the story and illuminate Grandma and Maya's growing closeness.

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### **I AM BROWN**

By: ASHOK BANKER | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781911373940 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

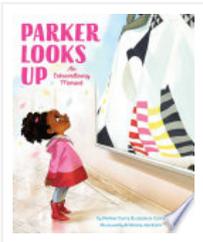
I am brown. I am beautiful. I am perfect. I designed this computer. I ran this race. I won this prize. I wrote this book. A joyful celebration of the skin you're in - of being brown, of being amazing, of being you.



### **OUR BIG LITTLE PLACE**

By: JAMES CONAN | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781773213170 | Price: \$17.56  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Community

A lovely and inventive story about the power of imaginative play and the importance of a place to call home. Written by a debut author as a tribute to community, urban living, and shared spaces



### **PARKER LOOKS UP**

By: PARKER CURRY | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781534451865 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

A New York Times bestseller! A visit to Washington, DC's National Portrait Gallery forever alters Parker Curry's young life when she views First Lady Michelle Obama's portrait. When Parker Curry came face-to-face with Amy Sherald's transcendent portrait of First Lady Michelle Obama at the National Portrait Gallery, she didn't just see the First Lady of the United States. She saw a queen—one with dynamic self-assurance, regality, beauty, and truth who captured this young girl's imagination. When a nearby museum-goer snapped a photo of a mesmerized Parker, it became an internet sensation. Inspired by this visit, Parker, and her mother, Jessica Curry, tell the story of a young girl and her family, whose trip to a museum becomes an extraordinary moment, in a moving picture book. Parker Looks Up follows Parker, along with her baby sister and her mother, and her best friend Gia and Gia's mother, as they walk the halls of a museum, seeing paintings of everyone and everything from George Washington Carver to Frida Kahlo, exotic flowers to graceful ballerinas. Then, Parker walks by Sherald's portrait of Michelle Obama...and almost passes it. But she stops...and looks up! Parker saw the possibility and promise, the hopes and dreams of herself in this powerful painting of Michelle Obama. An everyday moment became an extraordinary one...that continues to resonate its power, inspiration, and indelible impact. Because, as Jessica Curry said, "anything is possible regardless of race, class, or gender." \*\*FOREWORD BY ARTIST AMY SHERALD\*\*



### **WHEN GRANDMA GIVES YOU A LEMON TREE**

By: JAMIE DEENIHAN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781454923817 | Price: \$18.36  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

When Grandma gives you a lemon tree, definitely don't make a face! Care for the tree, and you might be surprised at how new things, and new ideas, bloom. "Charms from cover to cover." —Kirkus (Starred review) "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." In this imaginative take on that popular saying, a child is surprised (and disappointed) to receive a lemon tree from Grandma for her birthday. After all, she DID ask for a new gadget! But when she follows the narrator's careful—and funny—instructions, she discovers that the tree might be exactly what she wanted after all. This clever story, complete with a recipe for lemonade, celebrates the pleasures of patience, hard work, nature, community . . . and putting down the electronic devices just for a while.

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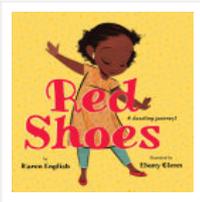
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## WHEN GRANDPA GIVES YOU A TOOLBOX

By: JAMIE DEENIHAN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781454932321 | Price: \$18.36  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

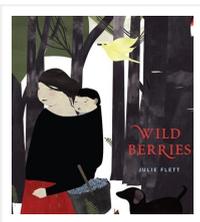
..a child is surprised to receive a lemon tree from Grandma for her birthday. After all, she DID ask for a new gadget! But when she follows the narrator's careful--and funny--instructions, she discovers that the tree might be exactly what she wanted after all."--Publisher's description.



## RED SHOES

By: KAREN ENGLISH | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781338114607 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Recycle

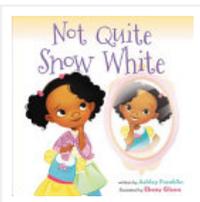
Malika loves her new red shoes and wears them everywhere, but eventually she outgrows them, and her grandmother takes them to a second-hand shop--where they will become a special present for Amina (who fasted half the month of Ramadan) in Africa, who will enjoy her special red shoes every bit as much as Malika did.



## WILD BERRIES

By: JULIE FLETT | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781897476895 | Price: \$17.06  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous, Diversity

Wild Berries is the beautiful tale of a young boy who spends a summer day picking wild blueberries with his grandmother. The Metis and Cree are indigenous peoples based across Canada and North America with a rich history and culture. Exploring the important tradition of berry-picking for Metis and Cree people, it also honours a unique, endangered language. Includes a recipe for a delicious blueberry pie.



## NOT QUITE SNOW WHITE

By: ASHLEY FRANKLIN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780062798602 | Price: \$17.59  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Self Esteem

A picture book for magical yet imperfect girls everywhere, written by debut author Ashley Franklin and perfect for fans of such titles as Mary Had a Little Glam by Tammi Sauer and the classic Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman. Tameika is a girl who belongs on the stage. She loves to act, sing, and dance—and she's pretty good at it, too. So when her school announces their Snow White musical, Tameika auditions for the lead princess role. But the other kids think she's "not quite" right to play the role. They whisper, they snicker, and they glare. Will Tameika let their harsh words be her final curtain call? Not Quite Snow White is a delightful and inspiring picture book that highlights the importance of self-confidence while taking an earnest look at what happens when that confidence is shaken or lost. Tameika encourages us all to let our magic shine.



## HAIR - IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

By: MYLO FREEMAN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781911115687 | Price: \$20.40  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

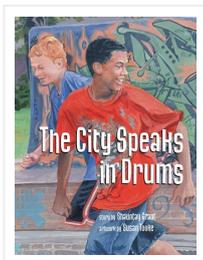
A beautifully illustrated picture book on the joys of natural hair, through the different hairstyles found in one family. A celebration of natural hair, through the vibrant and varied hairstyles found in a single family. With Mylo Freeman's trademark colourful illustrations, this delightful book will show young black children the joys that can be found through their natural hair.

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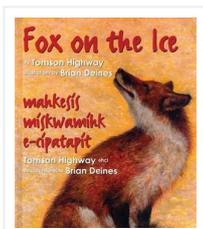
### **CITY SPEAKS IN DRUMS**

By: SHAUNTAY GRANT | Paperback Canadian

ISBN: 9781771084048 | Price: \$10.36

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Black History, #BlackLivesMatter, Diversity

Available for the first time in paperback, the award-winning *The City Speaks in Drums* follows two boys from North End Halifax as they explore their neighbourhood and the city beyond, finding music everywhere. At the skate park, by the Public Gardens, down Spring Garden Road, and on the boardwalk, drums and saxophones and dancers and basketballs create the jumbled, joyful, pulsing rhythm of Halifax. Shauntay Grant's playful spoken word-style poem and Susan Tooke's vivid illustrations create a wildly energetic and appealing journey through the big, bright city.



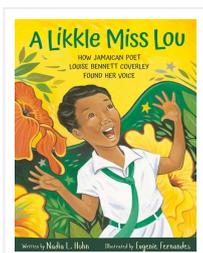
### **FOX ON THE ICE**

By: TOMSON HIGHWAY | Dual Language Hardcover

ISBN: 9781897252666 | Price: \$10.36

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous

One winter afternoon, Joe and Cody went ice fishing with their papa, their mama, and Cody's little black dog, Ootsie. It was the perfect day to fish. The sky was clear, and the sun made the snow sparkle like diamonds. Brothers Joe and Cody are spending a chilly winter afternoon ice fishing with their parents. Cody is helping Papa fish, while Mama and Joe doze in the sled. Suddenly the sled dogs sit up and sniff. A fox is across the lake, her fur as bright as flames. The sled dogs give chase, pulling Mama and Joe along on a wild ride. Written in both English and Cree, *Fox on the Ice* is a wonderful, lyrical story of celebration from award-winning author Tomson Highway, capturing a passing way of life for future generations. Illustrator Brian Deines has created an evocative masterpiece of shimmering oils depicting the beauty of northern Manitoba.



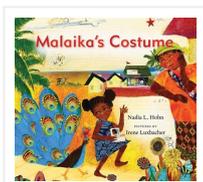
### **LIKKLE MISS LOU**

By: NADIA HOHN | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781771473507 | Price: \$15.16

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, #OwnVoices

Louise Bennett Coverley, better known as Miss Lou, was an iconic poet and entertainer known for popularizing the use of patois in music and poetry internationally—helping to pave the way for artists like Harry Belafonte and Bob Marley to use patois in their work. This picture book tells the story of Miss Lou's early years, when she was a young girl growing up in Jamaica. As a child, Miss Lou loved words—particularly the Jamaican English, or patois, that she heard all around her. As a young writer, Miss Lou felt caught between writing “lines of words like tight cornrows,” as her teachers instructed, and words that beat more naturally “in time with her heart.” The uplifting and inspiring story of a girl finding her own voice, this is also a vibrant, colorful, and immersive look at an important figure in our cultural history. With rich and warm illustrations bringing the story to life, *A Likkle Miss Lou* is a modern ode to language, girl power, diversity, and the arts. End matter includes a glossary of Jamaican patois terms, a note about the author's “own voice” perspective as a Jamaican-Canadian writer, and a brief biography of Miss Lou and her connection to Canada, where she lived for 20 years.



### **MALAIKA'S COSTUME**

By: NADIA HOHN | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781554987542 | Price: \$15.16

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Immigration, Diversity

It's Carnival time. The first Carnival since Malaika's mother moved to Canada to find a good job and provide for Malaika and her grandmother. Her mother promised she would send money for a costume, but when the money doesn't arrive, will Malaika still be able to dance in the parade? Disappointed and upset at her grandmother's hand-me-down costume, Malaika leaves the house, running into Ms. Chin, the tailor, who offers Malaika a bag of scrap fabric. With her grandmother's help, Malaika creates a patchwork rainbow peacock costume, and dances proudly in the parade. A heartwarming story about family, community and the celebration of Carnival, Nadia Hohn's warm and colloquial language and Irene Luxbacher's vibrant collage-style illustrations make this a strikingly original picture

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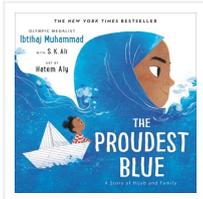
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### **MALAIKA'S WINTER CARNIVAL**

By: NADIA HOHN | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781554989201 | Price: \$15.16  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

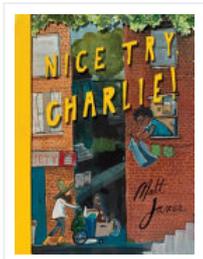
When Malaika moves to a cold northern city, there's a lot to get used to, especially Carnival in the wintertime!



### **PROUDEST BLUE**

By: IBTIHA MUHAMMAD & S.K. ALI | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9780316519007 | Price: \$17.24  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Muslim, Diversity

A powerful, vibrantly illustrated story about the first day of school--and two sisters on one's first day of hijab--by Olympic medalist and social justice activist Ibtihaj Muhammad. With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong. Paired with Hatem Aly's beautiful, whimsical art, Olympic medalist Ibtihaj Muhammad and Morris Award finalist S.K. Ali bring readers an uplifting, universal story of new experiences, the unbreakable bond between siblings, and of being proud of who you are.



### **NICE TRY CHARLIE**

By: MATT JAMES | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781773061801 | Price: \$17.56  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Poverty, Community

A new picture book about friendship and community from Matt James, acclaimed author and illustrator of *The Funeral*. With his cart full of treasures and big green hat, Charlie is a neighborhood fixture. When he finds a pie, he sets off to find the owner -- and helps some friends along the way. Poignant and funny, this story is an ode to resourcefulness and the compassion that turns neighbours into friends. Charlie and his friends might not have much - but they have each other.



### **WHEN FATHER COMES HOME**

By: SARAH JUNG | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781338355703 | Price: \$20.79  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Korean

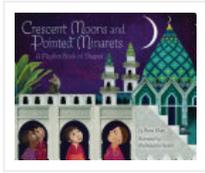
From stunning debut talent Sarah Jung comes a heartwarming and beautifully told story about family, planting roots, and standing tall in the face of your fears. June's father is like a goose -- he flies away for long periods of time, which means that June doesn't get to see him very often. So he is happy when Father comes home from his journeys, and happier still when the family plants a tangerine tree together and Father tells June, "Next time I am here, this tree will be bigger, and so will you". Caring for a growing sapling is a great responsibility and June takes it very seriously. When an accident happens and the tree topples over, June worries his family will change forever. But things that have fallen can be replanted, and sometimes facing our biggest fears reveals our greatest strengths.

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## CRESCENT MOONS & POINTED MINARETS

By: HENA KHAN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781452155418 | Price: \$20.79  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Muslim

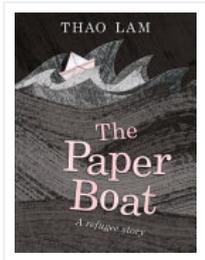
From a crescent moon to a square garden to an octagonal fountain, this breathtaking picture book celebrates the shapes—and traditions—of the Muslim world. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, *Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets* is equally at home in a classroom reading circle and on a parent's lap being read to a child.



## GOLDEN DOMES & SILVER LANTERNS

By: HENA KHAN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780811879057 | Price: \$20.79  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Muslim, Diversity

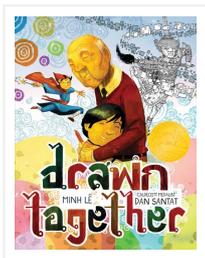
Magnificently capturing the colorful world of Islam for the youngest readers, this breathtaking and informative picture book celebrates Islam's beauty and traditions. From a red prayer rug to a blue hijab, everyday colors are given special meaning as young readers learn about clothing, food, and other important elements of Islamic culture, with a young Muslim girl as a guide. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, *Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns* is equally at home in a classroom reading circle as it is being read to a child on a parent's lap.



## PAPER BOAT

By: THAO LAM | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781771473637 | Price: \$15.96  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): #OwnVoices, Vietnam, Diversity

At her home in Vietnam, a girl rescues ants from the sugar water set out to trap them. Later, when the girl's family flees war-torn Vietnam, ants lead them through the moonlit jungle to the boat that will take them to safety. Before boarding, the girl folds a paper boat from a bun wrapper and drops it into the water, and the ants climb on. Their perilous journey, besieged by punishing weather, predatory birds, and dehydration, before reaching a new beginning, mirrors the family's own. Impressionistic collages and a moving, Own Voices narrative make this a one-of-a-kind tale of courage, resilience, and hope.



## DRAWN TOGETHER

By: MINH LÊ | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781484767603 | Price: \$15.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Inter-Generational, Asian Heritage

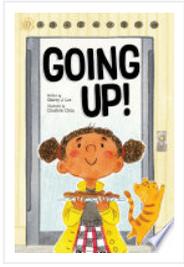
The recipient of six starred reviews and the APALA Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature! Named a Best Book of 2018 by the Wall Street Journal, NPR, Smithsonian, Kirkus Reviews, School Library Journal, Booklist, the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, BookRiot, the New York Public Library, the Chicago Public Library—and many more! When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens—with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words. With spare, direct text by Minh Lê and luminous illustrations by Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat, this stirring picturebook about reaching across barriers will be cherished for years to come. A Junior Library Guild selection!

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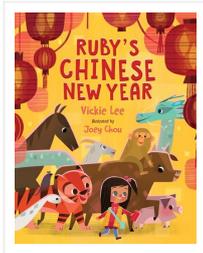
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## GOING UP

By: SHERRY LEE | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781525301131 | Price: \$14.99  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Community

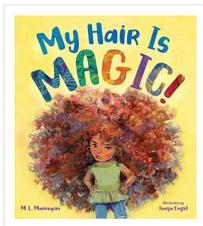
An elevator ride to a birthday party turns into a shared experience bursting with joy in this multicultural story about community, togetherness and the special feeling of belonging. Today is Olive's birthday party, and Sophie and her dad have baked cookies. Sophie's dad holds the platter so Sophie can push the elevator button for the tenth floor. But on the way up, the elevator stops for the Santucci brothers. Then, for Vicky, Babs, and their dog, Norman. And, as the elevator ascends, more neighbors squeeze in: the Habibs, the Flores family, Mr. Kwan. Everyone's going to the party! Such a wonderful, close-knit building — kids will want to move right in!



## RUBY'S CHINESE NEW YEAR

By: VICKIE LEE | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781250133380 | Price: \$18.80  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Asian Heritage

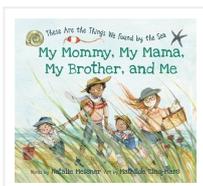
In this picture book celebrating Chinese New Year, animals from the Chinese zodiac help a little girl deliver a gift to her grandmother. Ruby has a special card to give to her grandmother for Chinese New Year. But who will help her get to grandmother's house to deliver it? Will it be clever Rat, strong Ox, or cautious Rabbit? Ruby meets each of the twelve zodiac animals on her journey. This picture book includes back matter with a focus on the animals of the Chinese zodiac. - GODWIN BOOKS -



## MY HAIR IS MAGIC

By: M.L. MARROQUIN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781624149818 | Price: \$21.56  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

This little girl knows her hair is great just as it is. When people ask, "Why is your hair so BIG?" she answers, "Why isn't yours?" Her hair is soft, it protects her, it's both gentle and fierce. While some might worry about how it's different and try to contain it, she gives it the freedom to be so extraordinary it almost has a life of its own. Told in bold verse and vivid, fantastical illustrations, these critical questions will ring familiar, and the proud, confident answers show that what really matters is how readers see themselves.



## MY MOMMY MY MAMA MY BROTHER & ME

By: NATALIE MEISNER | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781771087414 | Price: \$18.36  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, LGBTQ2S+

And these are the things we find by the sea My mommy, my mama, my brother, and me. With this gentle refrain, the debut picture book from celebrated author and playwright Natalie Meisner (Double Pregnant) reflects on her own two-mom, two-son family's early days growing up in Lockeport, Nova Scotia. Living by the sea offers myriad charms for the two young brothers in this poetic ode to beachcombing. When the fog disappears, the path to the beach beckons, with all the treasures it leaves behind: lobster traps, buoys, fused glass, urchins, a note in a bottle. But best of all is all the neighbours they meet along the way. An unforgettable instant classic for families of all shapes and sizes. Featuring glorious watercolours by Mathilde Cinq-Mars, which capture the warmth and magic of time spent with family by the sea.

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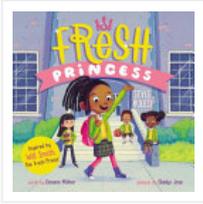
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## **FRESH PRINCESS**

By: DENENE MILLNER | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780062884572 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

Based on The Fresh Prince created by Will Smith, Destiny is the Fresh Princess. Meet Destiny—a cool, energetic, and strong-willed young girl who approaches every day with her own signature style! That is, until she moves to a brand-new neighborhood, where nothing looks quite the same as it did at her old house. Even with new challenges and new friends to make, Destiny always has a plan. With a few reminders from her loving family and after remembering what being the Fresh Princess is all about, she may just take the leap and jump right in! Written by celebrated author, blogger, and editor Denene Millner and illustrated by Gladys Jose, Fresh Princess is the perfect book to encourage kids to proudly stand out and be themselves!



## **FRESH PRINCESS STYLE RULES**

By: DENENE MILLNER | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780062884589 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

Join Destiny the Fresh Princess in her second adventure! Based on The Fresh Prince created by Will Smith. Now that Destiny settled in to her new neighborhood, she is on her way to the next big thing: a new school! Destiny loves everything about school, but when she shows up to Paul Robeson Prep, it's bigger than she ever imagined, the uniforms are plain, and all her friends already have a "thing." Destiny suddenly doesn't feel so fresh and wonders how she'll ever stand out. That's when she notices something super cool about her uniform jacket... Will Destiny find a way to make her mark? Written by celebrated author, blogger, and editor Denene Millner and illustrated by Gladys Jose, Fresh Princess: Style Rules! is the perfect book to encourage kids to be creative, be smart, and most importantly, be themselves! Perfect for fans of Juno Valentine created by Eva Chen and Fancy Nancy created by Jane O'Connor.



## **SATURDAY**

By: OGE MORA | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780316431279 | Price: \$19.99  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

Today would be special. Today would be splendid. It was Saturday! But sometimes, the best plans don't work out exactly the way you expect.... In this heartfelt and universal story, a mother and daughter look forward to their special Saturday routine together every single week. But this Saturday, one thing after another goes wrong--ruining storytime, salon time, picnic time, and the puppet show they'd been looking forward to going to all week. Mom is nearing a meltdown...until her loving daughter reminds her that being together is the most important thing of all. Author-artist Oge Mora's highly anticipated follow up to Caldecott Honor Thank You, Omu! features the same magnificently radiant artwork and celebration of sharing so beloved in her debut picture book.



## **THANK YOU OMU**

By: OGE MORA | Hardcover  
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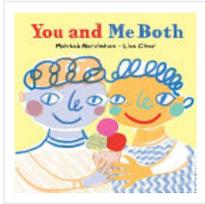
A 2019 Caldecott Honor Book Winner of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award. In this remarkable author-illustrator debut that's perfect for fans of Last Stop on Market Street and Extra Yarn, a generous woman is rewarded by her community. Everyone in the neighbourhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?

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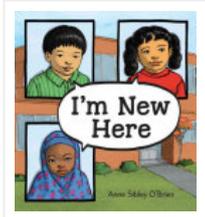
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### **YOU & ME BOTH**

By: MAHTAB NARSIMHAN | Hardcover Canadian  
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PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

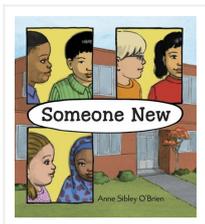
The story of two boys with more in common than meets the eye



### **I'M NEW HERE**

By: ANNE O'BRIEN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781580896122 | Price: \$15.16  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, School

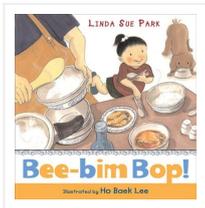
A boy from Somalia struggles to learn a new language and adjust to his new home in the United States.



### **SOMEONE NEW**

By: ANNE O'BRIEN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781580898317 | Price: \$15.99  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, School

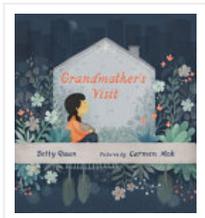
In this companion story to I'm New Here, three elementary schoolers--who aren't new--begin to understand and embrace three immigrant students. Are you new here? Do you know someone new? In I'm New Here and Someone New, young readers explore the immigrant experience through both "windows" and "mirrors." In I'm New Here, readers meet three recent immigrants trying to adjust to a new country and school. In Someone New, the same story is told from the perspective of the students who welcome the newcomers. An honest and heartwarming look at diversity, inclusion, and friendship. "Informative and genuine"—Kirkus Reviews (starred review)



### **BEE-BIM BOP**

By: LINDA PARK | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780618265114 | Price: \$20.79  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Asian Heritage, Diversity

Bee-bim bop (the name translates as 'mix-mix rice') is a traditional Korean dish of rice topped, and then mixed, with meat and vegetables. In bouncy rhyming text, a hungry child tells about helping her mother make bee-bim bop: shopping, preparing ingredients, setting the table, and finally sitting down with her family to enjoy a favorite meal. The energy and enthusiasm of the young narrator are conveyed in the whimsical illustrations, which bring details from the artist's childhood in Koreato his depiction of a modern Korean American family. Even young readers who aren't familiar with the dish will recognize the pride that comes from helping Mama, the fun of mixing ingredients together in a bowl, and the pleasure of sharing delicious food. Includes author's own recipe.



### **GRANDMOTHER'S VISIT**

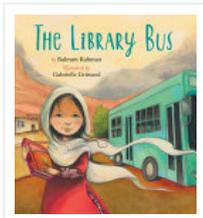
By: BETTY QUAN | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781554989546 | Price: \$14.36  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Asian Heritage, Death & Grieving

Grace says goodbye to Grandmother in this touching book about love and loss.

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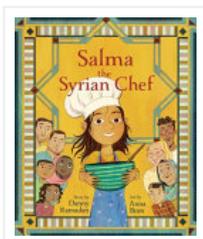
### **LIBRARY BUS**

By: **BAHRAM RAHMAN** | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781772781014 | Price: \$17.56

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Afghanistan, LIBRARIES, Diversity, Social Justice

Inspired by Kabul's first library bus and colored by family memories, a touching snapshot of one innovative way girls received education in a country disrupted by war. It is still dark in Kabul, Afghanistan when the library bus rumbles out of the city. There are no bus seats—instead there are chairs and tables and shelves of books. And there are no passengers—instead there is Pari, who is nervously starting her first day as Mama's library helper. Pari stands tall to hand out notebooks and pencils at the villages and the refugee camp, but she feels intimidated. The girls they visit are learning to write English from Mama. Pari can't even read or write in Farsi yet. But next year she will go to school and learn all there is to know. And she is so lucky. Not long ago, Mama tells her, girls were not allowed to read at all.



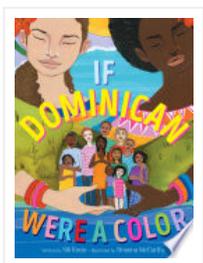
### **SALMA THE SYRIAN CHEF**

By: **DANNY RAMADAN** | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781773213750 | Price: \$16.46

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

Newcomer Salma and friends cook up a heartwarming dish to cheer up Mama. All Salma wants is to make her mama smile again. Between English classes, job interviews, and missing Papa back in Syria, Mama always seems busy or sad. A homemade Syrian meal might cheer her up, but Salma doesn't know the recipe, or what to call the vegetables in English, or where to find the right spices! Luckily, the staff and other newcomers in her Welcome Home are happy to lend a hand--and a sprinkle of sumac. With creativity, determination, and charm, Salma brings her new friends together to show Mama that even though things aren't perfect, there is cause for hope and celebration. Syrian culture is beautifully represented through the meal Salma prepares and Anna Bron's vibrant illustrations, while the diverse cast of characters speaks to the power of cultivating community in challenging circumstances.



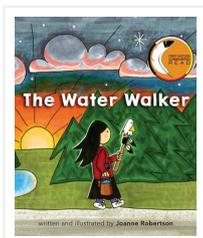
### **IF DOMINICAN WERE A COLOR**

By: **SILI RECIO** | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781534461796 | Price: \$19.19

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): #BlackLivesMatter, Diversity

The colors of Hispaniola burst into life in this striking, evocative debut picture book that celebrates the joy of being Dominican. If Dominican were a color, it would be the sunset in the sky, blazing red and burning bright. If Dominican were a color, it'd be the roar of the ocean in the deep of the night, With the moon beaming down rays of sheer delight. The palette of the Dominican Republic is exuberant and unlimited. Maiz comes up amarillo, the blue-black of dreams washes over sandy shores, and people's skin can be the shade of cinnamon in cocoa or of mahogany. This exuberantly colorful, softly rhyming picture book is a gentle reminder that a nation's hues are as wide as nature itself.



### **WATER WALKER**

By: **JOANNE ROBERTSON** | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781772600384 | Price: \$13.56

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous, Environment, OJIBWE

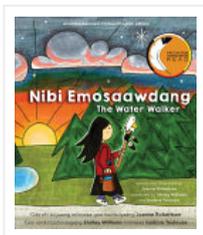
The story of a determined Ojibwe Grandmother (Nokomis) Josephine Mandamin and her great love for Nibi (water). Nokomis walks to raise awareness of our need to protect Nibi for future generations, and for all life on the planet. She, along with other women, men, and youth, have walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example Josephine invites us all to take up our responsibility to protect our water, the giver of life, and to protect our planet for all generations.

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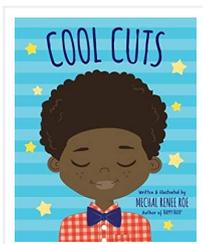
## WATER WALKER NIBI EMOSAAWDANG

By: JOANNE ROBERTSON | Dual Language Paperback

ISBN: 9781772601008 | Price: \$11.96

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): OJIBWE, Indigenous

The dual language edition, in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and English, of *The Water Walker*, the award-winning story of a determined Ojibwe Nokomis (Grandmother) Josephine-ba Mandamin and her great love for Nibi (water). Nokomis walked to raise awareness of our need to protect Nibi for future generations, and for all life on the planet. She, along with other women, men, and youth, have walked around all the Great Lakes from the four salt waters, or oceans, to Lake Superior. The walks are full of challenges, and by her example Josephine-ba invites us all to take up our responsibility to protect our water, the giver of life, and to protect our planet for all generations.



## COOL CUTS

By: MECHAL ROE | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781984895578 | Price: \$18.39

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity



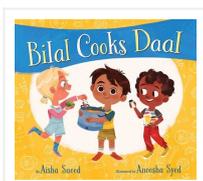
## HAPPY HAIR

By: MICHAEL ROE | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781984895547 | Price: \$18.39

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity

African American girls and their beautiful hair are celebrated in this bright, joyful read-together picture book that will have girls everywhere repeating the book's chorus: "I love being me!" Full 'fro, cute bow! I love being me! Smart girl, cool curls! I love being me! African American girls will love seeing strong, happy reflections of themselves in this vibrant, rhythmic picture book celebrating the diversity of beautiful black hair. From a cute crop to pom-pom puffs, adorable illustrations of girls with gorgeous braids, blowouts, and bantus grace each page, side by side with a call-and-response affirmation that will make girls cheer. It's a great read-aloud to promote self-esteem for girls of all ages, building and growing the foundation of self-love (and hair love!) and letting every girl know "You are made beautiful!" "A book that pays homage to the versatility of black hair. . . . Fun to read aloud."—Kirkus And look for *Cool Cuts*--a hip hair book for boys!--coming in February 2020!



## BILAL COOKS DAAL

By: AISHA SAEED | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781534418103 | Price: \$19.19

PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, FOOD

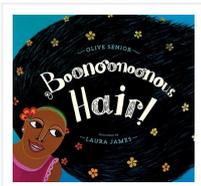
A Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Book of 2019 Six-year-old Bilal introduces his friends to his favorite dish—daal!—in this charming picture book that showcases the value of patience, teamwork, community, and sharing. Six-year-old Bilal is excited to help his dad make his favorite food of all-time: daal! The slow-cooked lentil dish from South Asia requires lots of ingredients and a whole lot of waiting. Bilal wants to introduce his friends to daal. They've never tried it! As the day goes on, the daal continues to simmer, and more kids join Bilal and his family, waiting to try the tasty dish. And as time passes, Bilal begins to wonder: Will his friends like it as much as he does? This debut picture book by Aisha Saeed, with charming illustrations by Anoosha Syed, uses food as a means of bringing a community together to share in each other's family traditions.

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### **BOONOOONOUS HAIR**

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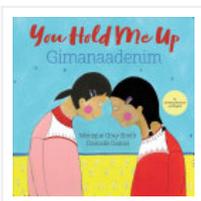
In this beautifully illustrated picture book written by Commonwealth Prize—winning author Olive Senior and illustrated by the much—acclaimed artist of Anna Carries Water a little girl learns to love her difficult—to—manage curly hair.



### **WHEN WE ARE KIND**

By: MONIQUE SMITH | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781459825222 | Price: \$15.96  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Indigenous

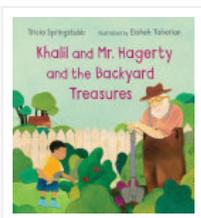
This beautiful picture book looks at how the simple act of being kind, to others and oneself, affects all aspects of a child's life.



### **YOU HOLD ME UP GIMANAADENIM**

By: MONIQUE SMITH | Hardcover Canadian  
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PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): #OwnVoices, Indigenous

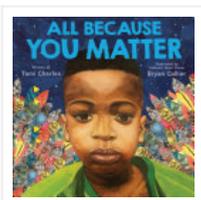
An evocative picture book intended to foster reconciliation among children and encourage them to show each other love and support. In English and Anishinaabemowin.



### **KHALIL & MR HAGERTY & THE BACKYARD**

By: TRICIA SPRINGSTUBB | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781536203066 | Price: \$18.39  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Inter-Generational

A sweet friendship spanning age and culture blooms in a shared backyard. Khalil lives in the upstairs apartment with his family, which is big and busy and noisy. Downstairs lives Mr. Hagerty, who is quiet. Khalil and Mr. Hagerty don't appear to have a lot in common, but hot summer days have a way of bringing people together. As Khalil looks for buried treasure in the yard, Mr. Hagerty tends to his garden. Both help each other navigate language -- whether it be learning new words or remembering those seemingly forgotten. Before long, an unlikely friendship is born, full of treasure, thoughtfulness, and chocolate cake. Through well-cultivated details and vibrant cut-paper collage, author Tricia Springstubb and illustrator Elaheh Taherian nurture a heart-tugging tribute to the love of good neighbors and to the strength of intergenerational and intercultural bonds.



### **ALL BECAUSE YOU MATTER**

By: CHARLES TAMI | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781338574852 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): #BlackLivesMatter, Diversity, Anti Racism

A lyrical, heart-lifting love letter to black and brown children everywhere: reminding them how much they matter, that they have always mattered, and they always will, from powerhouse rising star author Tami Charles and esteemed, award-winning illustrator Bryan Collier. Tami Charles pens a poetic, lyrical text that is part love letter, part anthem, assuring readers that they always have, and always will, matter. This powerful, rhythmic lullaby reassures readers that their matter and their worth is never diminished, no matter the circumstance: through the joy and wonder of their first steps and first laughter, through the hardship of adolescent struggles and the pain and heartbreak of current events, they always have, and always will, matter. Accompanied by illustrations by renowned artist Bryan Collier, a four-time Caldecott Honor recipient and a nine-time Coretta Scott King Award winner All

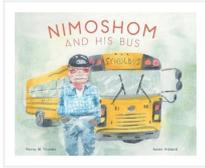
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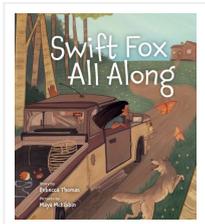
Because You Matter is for the picture book audience what The Hate U Give was for YA and Ghost Boys was for middle grade: a conversation starter, a community touchstone, and a deep affirmation of worth for the young readers who need it most.



### **NIMOSHOM & HIS BUS**

By: PENNY THOMAS | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781553797081 | Price: \$17.96  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous, Diversity

Nimoshom loved to drive the school bus. Every day, on the way to and from school, he had something to say. Sometimes, he told the kids silly stories. Sometimes, he taught the kids a new word in Cree. Nimoshom and His Bus introduces basic Cree words. A glossary is included in the back of the book.



### **SWIFT FOX ALL ALONG**

By: REBECCA THOMAS | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781773214481 | Price: \$17.56  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): #OwnVoices, Indigenous, Diversity

What does it mean to be Mi'kmaq? And if Swift Fox can't find the answer, will she ever feel like part of her family? When Swift Fox's father picks her up to go visit her aunts, uncles, and cousins, her belly is already full of butterflies. And when he tells her that today is the day that she'll learn how to be Mi'kmaq, the butterflies grow even bigger. Though her father reassures her that Mi'kmaq is who she is from her eyes to her toes, Swift Fox doesn't understand what that means. Her family welcomes her with smiles and hugs, but when it's time to smudge and everyone else knows how, Swift Fox feels even more like she doesn't belong. Then she meets her cousin Sully and realizes that she's not the only one who's unsure—and she may even be the one to teach him something about what being Mi'kmaq means. Based on the author's own experience, with striking illustrations by Maya McKibbin, *A Long Way to a New Place* is a poignant story about identity and belonging that is at once personal and universally resonant.



### **MOMMY'S KHMAR**

By: J THOMPSON-BIGELOW | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781534400597 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Muslim, Diversity

Selected as a Best Book of 2018 by NPR, Kirkus Reviews, School Library Journal, and Shelf Awareness! A young Muslim girl spends a busy day wrapped up in her mother's colorful headscarf in this sweet and fanciful picture book from debut author and illustrator Jamilah Tompkins-Bigelow and Ebony Glenn. A khimar is a flowing scarf that my mommy wears. Before she walks out the door each day, she wraps one around her head. A young girl plays dress up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every one she tries on. Charming and vibrant illustrations showcase the beauty of the diverse and welcoming community in this portrait of a young Muslim American girl's life.



### **OJIICHAN'S GIFT**

By: CHERI UEGAKI | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781771389631 | Price: \$15.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Inter-Generational

When Mayumi was born, her grandfather created a garden for her. It was unlike any other garden she knew. It had no flowers or vegetables. Instead, Ojiichan made it out of stones: "big ones, little ones and ones in-between." Every summer, Mayumi visits her grandfather in Japan, and they tend the garden together. Raking the gravel is her favorite part. Afterward, the two of them sit on a bench and enjoy the results of their efforts in happy silence. But then one summer, everything changes. Ojiichan has grown too old to care for his home and the garden. He has to move. Will

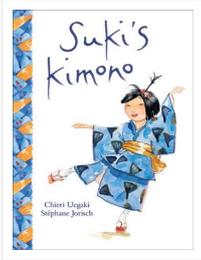
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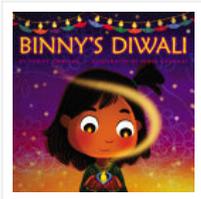
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Mayumi find a way to keep the memory of the garden alive for both of them? This gentle picture book story will warm children's hearts as it explores a deep intergenerational bond and the passing of knowledge from grandparent to grandchild over time. The lyrical text by Chieri Uegaki and luminous watercolor illustrations by Genevieve Simms beautifully capture the emotional arc of the story, from Mayumi's contentment through her anger and disappointment to, finally, her acceptance. The story focuses on an important connection to nature, particularly as a place for quiet reflection. It contains character education lessons on caring, responsibility, perseverance and initiative. It's also a wonderful way to introduce social studies conversations about family, aging and multiculturalism. Mayumi lives in North America with her Japanese mother and Dutch father, and visits her grandfather in Japan. Some Japanese words are included.



### **SUKI'S KIMONO**

By: CHERI UEGAKI | Paperback  
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PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity



### **BINNY'S DIWALI**

By: THRITY UMRIGAR | Hardcover  
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PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Holidays & Celebrations, Diwali, Diversity

Binny's class is learning about different holiday traditions, and today it is time for Binny to share the story of her favorite holiday, Diwali, the Festival of Lights--and she even has some special treats to give her classmates. Includes information on the five days of Diwali, what it commemorates, and its special traditions.



### **SUGAR IN MILK**

By: THRITY UMRIGAR | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9780762495191 | Price: \$18.39  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Immigration

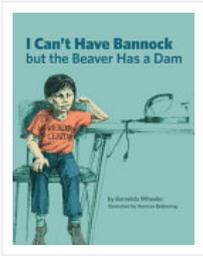
A timely and timeless picture book about immigration, refugees, acceptance, and tolerance from a NYT bestselling author. A young girl in modern times comes from India to live in America with her extended family. She feels so alone-like she's not wanted-and then remembers a story her mother once told her about a group of Persians who were ousted from their country and who sailed to the Western shores of India in search for a new home. The king of the region in India did not want to let them in and explained (using a glass of full milk) that the community was simply too full to let them in. The king of the Persian refugees then dumped some sugar into the milk, stirred until it dissolved, and explained to the king that not only would his people integrate well into their society but they would also help sweeten their culture. The Indian king lets them in and they prosper. And, in the end, the young girl realizes that she, too, is being accepted by those in her neighborhood and that she can finally start feeling a part of this new American society.

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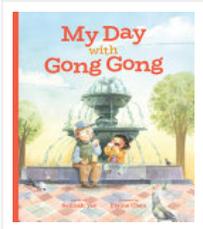
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## I CAN'T HAVE BANNOCK BUT THE BEAVER HAS A DAM

By: BERNELDA WHEELER | Paperback Canadian  
ISBN: 9781553796626 | Price: \$10.80  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Indigenous, Diversity

A boy patiently listens to his mother's reasons for not making bannock; all the result of a beaver's need to make a dam. Includes a bannock recipe!



## MY DAY WITH GONG GONG

By: SENNAH YEE | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781773214290 | Price: \$16.46  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Asian Heritage, Chinese

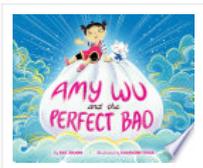
A day in Chinatown takes an unexpected turn when a bored little girl makes a connection with her grandpa. May isn't having fun on her trip through Chinatown with her grandfather. Gong Gong doesn't speak much English, and May can't understand Chinese. She's hungry, and bored with Gong Gong's errands. Plus, it seems like Gong Gong's friends are making fun of her! But just when May can't take any more, Gong Gong surprises her with a gift that reveals he's been paying more attention than she thought. With lighthearted, expressive illustrations by Elaine Chen, this charming debut expertly captures life in the city and shows how small, shared moments of patience and care--and a dumpling or two--can help a child and grandparent bridge the generational and cultural gaps between them. A glossary at the end of the book features translations of the Chinese words from the story into Chinese characters and English.



## MOON FOR MOE & MO

By: JANE ZALBEN | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781580897273 | Price: \$17.59  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Diversity, Holidays & Celebrations, Muslim

An interfaith friendship develops when Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, overlaps with the Muslim holiday of Ramadan--an occurrence that happens only once every thirty years or so. Moses Feldman, a Jewish boy, lives at one end of Flatbush Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, while Mohammed Hassan, a Muslim boy, lives at the other. One day they meet at Sahadi's market while out shopping with their mothers and are mistaken for brothers. A friendship is born, and the boys bring their families together to share rugelach and date cookies in the park as they make a wish for peace.



## AMY WU & THE PERFECT BAO

By: KAT ZHANG | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781534411333 | Price: \$19.19  
PICTURE BOOK | Theme(s): Asian Heritage, Diversity, Korean

Meet the funny, fierce, and fearless Amy Wu, who is determined to make a perfect bao bun today. Can she rise to the occasion? Amy loves to make bao with her family. But it takes skill to make the bao taste and look delicious. And her bao keep coming out all wrong. Then she has an idea that may give her a second chance... Will Amy ever make the perfect bao?



## BIRDSONG

By: JULIE FLETT | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781771644730 | Price: \$18.36  
PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Indigenous, Diversity

SHORTLISTED for the 2019 Governor General's Award A tender, luminous portrait of art, nature, and connecting

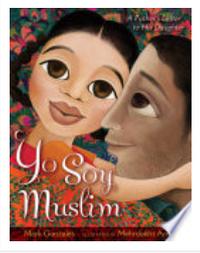
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across generations. When a young girl moves from the country to a small town, she feels lonely and out of place. But soon she meets an elderly woman next door, who shares her love of arts and crafts. Can the girl navigate the changing seasons and failing health of her new friend? Acclaimed author and artist Julie Flett's textured images of birds, flowers, art, and landscapes bring vibrancy and warmth to this powerful story, which highlights the fulfillment of intergenerational relationships and shared passions. A brief glossary and pronunciation guide to Cree-Métis words that appear in the text is provided on the copyright page.



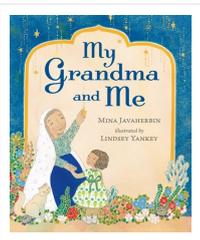
### **YO SOY MUSLIM**

By: MARK GONZALES | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781481489362 | Price: \$19.19

PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Diversity, Muslim

A lyrical celebration of multiculturalism as a parent shares with a child the value of their heritage and why it should be a source of pride, even when others disagree.



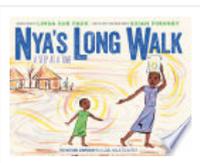
### **MY GRANDMA & ME**

By: MINA JAVAHERBIN | Hardcover

ISBN: 9780763694944 | Price: \$18.39

PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Diversity, Muslim

In a true tale of a young girl in Iran and her grandmother, this beautiful ode to family celebrates small moments of love that become lifelong memories. In this big universe full of many moons, I have traveled and seen many wonders, but I have never loved anything or anyone the way I love my grandma. While Mina is growing up in Iran, the center of her world is her grandmother. Whether visiting friends next door, going to the mosque for midnight prayers during Ramadan, or taking an imaginary trip around the planets, Mina and her grandma are never far apart. At once deeply personal and utterly universal, Mina Javaherbin's words make up a love letter of the rarest sort: the kind that shares a bit of its warmth with every reader. Soft, colorful, and full of intricate patterns, Lindsey Yankey's illustrations feel like a personal invitation into the coziest home, and the adoration between Mina and her grandma is evident on every page.



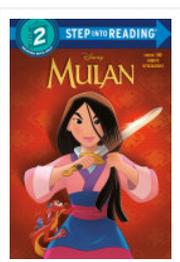
### **NYA'S LONG WALK**

By: LINDA PARK | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781328781338 | Price: \$20.40

PICTURE BOOK - ADVANCED | Theme(s): Diversity, Social Justice

When her little sister, Akeer, becomes sick when they are returning home from the water hole, Nya must carry her and the water back to their village, one step at a time.



### **MULAN**

By: MARY TILLWORTH | Paperback

ISBN: 9780736440530 | Price: \$6.39

BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Diversity, Level 2 Beginning Reader, Time Travel

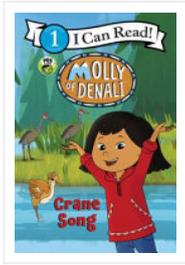
This deluxe Step into Reading leveled reader with over 30 stickers is based on Disney Mulan--just in time for the release of the live-action in March 2020! Join Mulan and her friends Mushu, Cri-Kee, and more as they set out to save Mulan's father and the Chinese empire from an enemy invasion. This Step 2 deluxe Step into Reading leveled reader is based on the classic Disney Princess film Mulan. With over 30 sparkly stickers, this book is perfect for girls and boys ages 4 to 6. Step 2 readers use basic vocabulary and short sentences to tell simple stories. For children who recognize familiar words and can sound out new words with help. Disney Mulan is an animated classic featuring a brave and inspiring princess, an award-winning soundtrack, and a timeless adventure tale.

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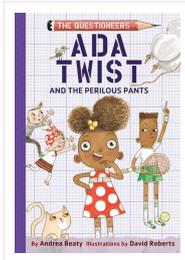
## **MOLLY OF DENALI CRANE SONG**

By: WGBHKIDS | Paperback

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BEGINNING READER | Theme(s): Level 1 Beginning Reader, Diversity

When some scientist friends ask Molly to help track baby cranes, she can't wait to lend a hand!



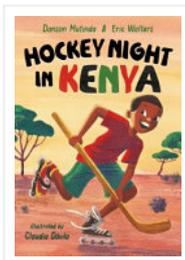
## **ADA TWIST & THE PERILOUS PANTS**

By: ANDREA BEATY | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781419734229 | Price: \$13.59

FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Stem

An instant New York Times bestseller! You loved the bestselling picture books starring Rosie Revere, Ada Twist, and Iggy Peck. Now you can follow The Questioners' further adventures in all-new chapter books! Don't miss the first instant New York Times bestselling volume, Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters. In Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants, Ada must rely on her curious mind, her brave spirit, and her best pals Rosie Revere and Iggy Peck to solve a mystery in her own backyard. Ada Twist is full of questions. A scientist to her very core, Ada asks why again and again. One question always leads to another until she's off on a journey of discovery! When Rosie Revere's Uncle Ned gets a little carried away wearing his famous helium pants, it's up to Ada and friends to chase him down. As Uncle Ned floats farther and farther away, Ada starts asking lots of questions: How high can a balloon float? Is it possible for Uncle Ned to float into outer space? And what's the best plan for getting him down? Collect them all! Add these other STEM favorites from #1 New York Times bestselling team Andrea Beaty and David Roberts to your family library today! Rosie Revere, Engineer Ada Twist, Scientist Iggy Peck, Architect Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists Iggy Peck's Big Project Book for Amazing Architects Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers The Questioners Family Calendar



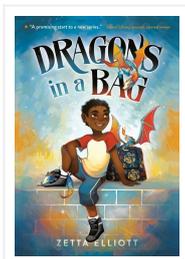
## **HOCKEY NIGHT IN KENYA**

By: DANSON MUTINDA & ERIC WALTERS | Paperback

ISBN: 9781459823617 | Price: \$6.36

FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Sports - Hockey, Diversity

Kenyan orphans, Kitoo and Nigosi, spend their days studying, playing soccer, helping their elders with chores around the orphanage and reading from the limited selection of books in their library. When the librarian gives Kitoo a copy of Sports Around the World he becomes fascinated by an image of the Canadian national men's ice hockey team. Then one day the fates align and Kitoo finds a pair of beat up old roller blades, he teaches himself to skate and dreams of one day playing hockey like the men in his book. But you can't play ice hockey in Kenya, can you?



## **DRAGONS IN A BAG**

By: ZETTA ELLIOTT | Paperback Canadian

ISBN: 9781524770488 | Price: \$7.60

FIRST NOVEL

The dragon's out of the bag in this diverse, young urban fantasy from an award-winning author--with two starred reviews! When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother--but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they'll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don't let them out of the bag and don't feed them anything sweet. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends Vikram and Kavita have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound? Or will they be lost in Brooklyn forever? "Good, solid fantasy fun." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "A promising start to a new series." --School Library Journal, starred review

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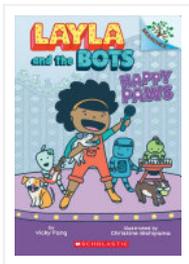
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## DRAGONS IN A BAG 02 DRAGON THIEF

By: ZETTA ELLIOTT | Hardcover Canadian  
ISBN: 9781524770495 | Price: \$18.39  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

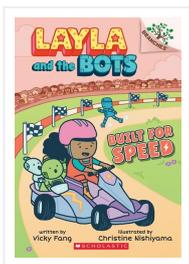
Stealing a baby dragon was easy! Hiding it is a little more complicated, in this sequel to reviewer favorite Dragons in a Bag. Jaxon had just one job--to return three baby dragons to the realm of magic. But when he got there, only two dragons were left in the bag. His best friend's sister, Kavita, is a dragon thief! Kavita only wanted what was best for the baby dragon. But now every time she feeds it, the dragon grows and grows! How can she possibly keep it secret? Even worse, stealing it has upset the balance between the worlds. The gates to the other realm have shut tight! Jaxon needs all the help he can get to find Kavita, outsmart a trickster named Blue, and return the baby dragon to its true home. PRAISE FOR DRAGONS IN A BAG: "Good, solid fantasy fun." --Kirkus Reviews, starred review "A promising start to a new series." --School Library Journal, starred review



## LAYLA & THE BOTS 01 HAPPY PAWS

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FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Stem, Branches Series

While Layla and her three Bots (Beep, Boop, and Bop) are setting up for their rock band's performance, she gets some bad news, Happy Days Amusement Park is closing; Layla thinks she has the perfect solution: turn the place into an amusement park for dogs--but the new rides have to pass a safety inspection before Happy Paws Amusement Park can open.



## LAYLA & THE BOTS 02 BUILT FOR SPEED

By: VICKY FANG | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781338582925 | Price: \$5.59  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Stem, Branches Series

Ready, set, go! Layla and the Bots are heading to the races! Pick a book. Grow a Reader! This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line Branches, aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! Blossom Valley is hosting a go-kart race! The go-karts are provided for all the kids in town. Layla and the Bots can't wait for race day! But one racer, Tina, needs their help. She needs a new cart that uses hand-controls and other cool features. Layla and the Bots know just what to do... they will build her a brand-new cart that's even faster than her wheelchair! But will Tina's go-kart have enough speed to win the race? With full-color artwork on every page and speech bubbles throughout, this early chapter book series brings kid-friendly STEAM topics to young readers!



## YASMIN IN CHARGE

By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback  
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FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

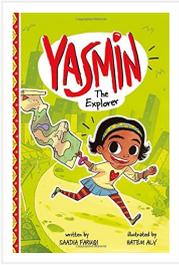
In this collection of four stories, Yasmin takes charge of some sticky situations! At home, at school, or out and about, Yasmin faces challenges head on with creativity and quick thinking. Whether she's creating a new recipe, finding a way to rescue a stuck toy for a little friend, or calming down monkeys (and classmates!), a clever solution to any problem is just around the corner!

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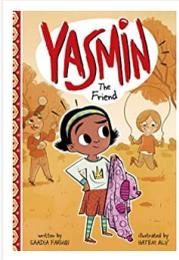
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### **YASMIN THE EXPLORER**

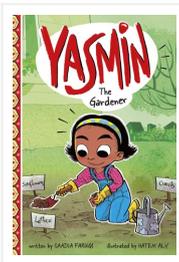
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### **YASMIN THE FRIEND**

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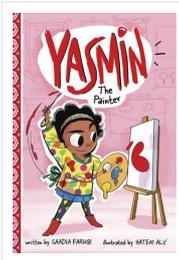
Yasmin knows exactly what she wants to play when her friends come over. But it turns out her friends have their own ideas. Could a creative compromise make everyone happy?



### **YASMIN THE GARDENER**

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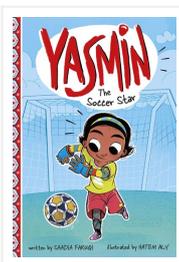
It's spring! Yasmin and her baba are excited to plant their garden, and Yasmin chooses a flower seedling. She gives it plenty of sun, water, and good soil . . . so why is it wilting? Watching Nani sit in the sun gives Yasmin a bright idea and she knows just what her little plant needs.



### **YASMIN THE PAINTER**

By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781515827313 | Price: \$6.36  
FIRST NOVEL

Yasmin's painting for the art contest is due Friday, but she has lots of excuses for putting it off. She doesn't know what to paint, she doesn't think she's any good, and painting is messy. Turns out a mess is just what Yasmin needs for inspiration!



### **YASMIN THE SOCCER STAR**

By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback  
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FIRST NOVEL

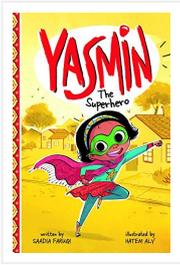
Everyone in Yasmin's gym class is excited to play soccer, except for Yasmin. She's seen the pros play, and it looks scary! When Yasmin is chosen as goalie, will she step up or back out? Courage, Yasmin!

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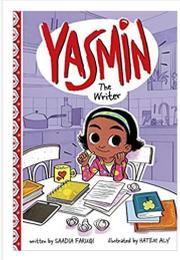
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### **YASMIN THE SUPERHERO**

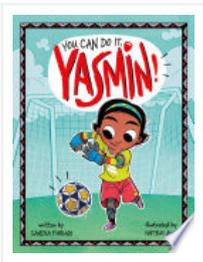
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### **YASMIN THE WRITER**

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FIRST NOVEL

Ms. Alex has assigned Yasmin's class to write about their heroes. Yasmin loves to write, but she can't decide who her hero is. After dismissing lots of ideas, could it be that Yasmin's hero has been right beside her all along?



### **YOU CAN DO IT YASMIN**

By: SAADIA FARUQI | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781515860914 | Price: \$6.36  
FIRST NOVEL

A collection of four more stories featuring Yasmin! Whether she's braving the goalie net for the first time on the soccer field, trouble-shooting a plant problem in the garden with her family, tackling a tricky writing assignment, or managing a disagreement with her friends, Yasmin is always thinking outside the box to come up with creative solutions. Yasmin can do it!



### **SARAI SAVES THE MUSIC**

By: SARAI GONZALES | Paperback  
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Inspired by the real-life viral video sensation and social activist Sarai Gonzalez! They're cutting funding at Sarai's school and her band program is the first to go. That is totally not okay with Sarai. She decides to organize a benefit concert to raise money! When she and her bandmates promote the concert on their video channel, it catches the attention of Sarai's favorite singer, Sparkles Sanchez! Can Sarai save the music?



### **SARAI & THE MEANING OF AWESOME**

By: SARAI GONZALEZ | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781338236682 | Price: \$6.39  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

The first book in a brand-new illustrated chapter book series inspired by the life of eleven-year-old viral video star and social activist Sarai Gonzalez. Sarai Gonzalez is AWESOME. Fourth-grader Sarai Gonzalez can do anything. She can bake, dance, and run her own cupcake business. But when Sarai's grandparents are forced to move, even Sarai's not sure what to do. So she hatches a super-awesome plan with her younger sisters and cousin to buy back the house. But houses are more expensive than she ever thought, her sisters won't listen, and she's running out of time. Will Sarai find a way to save the day? Inspired by true events from viral video star and social activist Sarai Gonzalez.

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### **SARAI AROUND THE WORLD**

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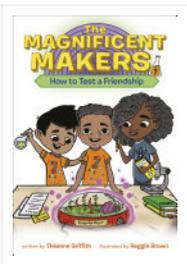
Inspired by the real-life viral video sensation and social activist Sarai Gonzalez! The fourth book in the Sarai Gonzalez illustrated chapter book series inspired by the life of eleven-year-old viral video sensation and social activist Sarai Gonzalez. The students are sick and tired of Spaghetti-and-Meatball Mondays in the cafeteria. The administration says they can help create a new menu, so students throughout the school make booths with their family's specialties for Around-the-World Day. It's a head-to-head battle between Sarai's Peruvian chicken and Valeria's tamales. Who will win the big cook-off and get their grandparents' recipes on the cafeteria menu?



### **SARAI IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

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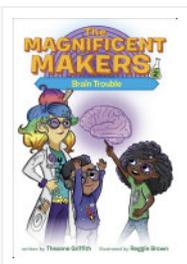
When Sarai's best friend suddenly moves away, Sarai has to navigate school--and the unfriendly girls in the cafeteria--all by herself. When new girl Cristina moves to town, the teacher volunteers Sarai to show her around, but Sarai thinks Cristina is not at all like her. She never wants to play at recess, she's always got her head in a notebook and she's so shy! But when Cristina writes Sarai a spoken-word poem for her to recite at the class talent show, Sarai learns that sometimes winning teams are made from unlikely pairs! Inspired by the life of viral video sensation and social activist Sarai Gonzalez with the help of award-winning children's book author, Monica Brown.



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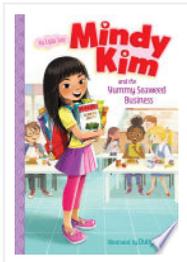
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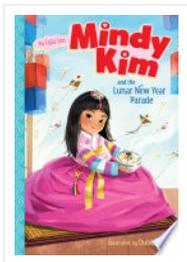
## MINDY KIM 01 THE YUMMY SEAWEED BUSINESS

By: LYLA LEE | Paperback

ISBN: 9781534440074 | Price: \$6.39

FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Korean, Asian Heritage

Fresh Off the Boat meets Junie B. Jones in this first novel in an adorable new chapter book series about Mindy Kim, a young Asian American girl who is starting a snack business! Mindy Kim just wants three things: 1. A puppy! 2. To fit in at her new school 3. For her dad to be happy again But, getting all three of the things on her list is a lot trickier than she thought it would be. On her first day of school, Mindy's school snack of dried seaweed isn't exactly popular at the lunch table. Luckily, her new friend, Sally, makes the snacks seem totally delicious to Mindy's new classmates, so they decide to start the Yummy Seaweed Business to try and raise money for that puppy! When another student decides to try and sabotage their business, Mindy loses more than she bargained for—and wonders if she'll ever fit in. Will Mindy be able to overcome her uncertainty and find the courage to be herself?



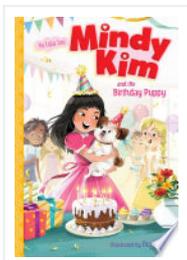
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FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Holidays & Celebrations, Korean, Diversity, Asian Heritage

Fresh Off the Boat meets Junie B. Jones in this second novel in an adorable new chapter book series about Mindy Kim, a young Asian American girl who is getting ready to celebrate Lunar New Year! Mindy is excited to celebrate the Lunar New Year! Even though it's the first one without her mom, Mindy is determined to enjoy the day. She decides to make traditional Korean New Year food, a rice cake soup that's her favorite. But things aren't going quite to plan, and the celebration doesn't feel the same as it did before. With the help of her family and friends, can Mindy find a way to still enjoy her old holiday traditions, and create new ones along the way?



## MINDY KIM 03 BIRTHDAY PUPPY

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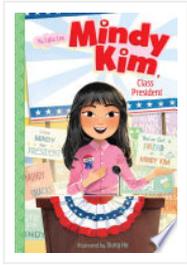
Fresh off the Boat meets Junie B. Jones in this third novel in an adorable chapter book series about Mindy Kim, a young Asian American girl who wants a puppy for her birthday! All Mindy Kim has ever wanted is a puppy of her very own. After all, having all the toy dog plushies in the world isn't quite the same thing as a real one! She wants a dog to take on walks, teach tricks, and cuddle with. She knows she has what it takes to be the perfect pet owner, and she thinks a dog would be a perfect gift for her upcoming birthday. But her dad isn't so sure she's ready for the big responsibility. Can Mindy prove to her dad that she can handle a new addition to the Kim household?

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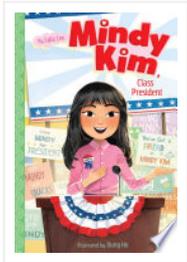
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### **MINDY KIM 04 CLASS PRESIDENT**

By: Lyla Lee | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781534440173 | Price: \$19.19  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Asian Heritage, Korean

Fresh Off the Boat meets Junie B. Jones in the adorable chapter book series following Mindy Kim, a young Asian American Girl—in this fourth novel, Mindy runs for class president! It’s time to pick a class president, and Mindy really wants to win—and she’s basing her entire campaign on snacks and being kind, so how could she NOT be chosen? But there is one big thing that Mindy is not sure she can do—make a speech to her class about why she would be the best pick for president. Can Mindy face her fears and show the class—and herself—that she can be the best class president ever?



### **MINDY KIM CLASS PRESIDENT**

By: Lyla Lee | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781534440166 | Price: \$6.39  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Asian Heritage, Korean, Series

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### **AFTER SCHOOL SUPERSTARS 02 VERA VANCE CO**

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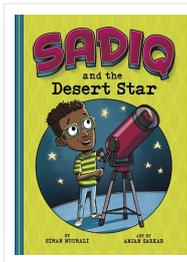
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### **GENIE MEANIE**

By: Mahtab Narsimhan | Paperback Canadian  
ISBN: 9781459823983 | Price: \$6.36  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity, Bullying issues, Death & Grieving

In this partially illustrated chapter book, an eight-year-old girl confronts a bully with the help of a genie she discovers has been living in a spice bottle her grandmother left her.



### **SADIQ & THE DESERT STAR**

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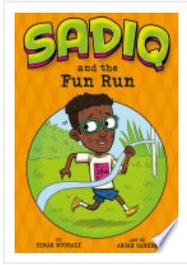
When Sadiq's father leaves on a business trip, he worries he'll miss his baba too much. But Baba has a story for Sadiq: the story of the Desert Star. Learning about Baba's passion for the stars sparks Sadiq's interest in outer space. But can Sadiq find others who are willing to help him start the space club of his dreams?

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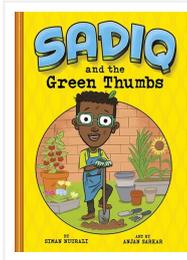
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### **SADIQ & THE FUN RUN**

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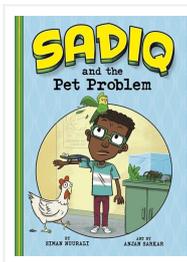
Eight-year-old Sadiq wants to try out for the youth football team like his friends, but his parents feel he is too young, and instead suggest that he take up running and join the track club--Sadiq feels that running is wimpy, but the coach convinces him that running races can be fun as well.



### **SADIQ & THE GREEN THUMBS**

By: SIMAN NUURALI | Paperback  
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FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

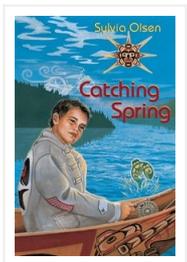
When Sadiq's Dugsi teacher can't take care of his yard because of an injury, Sadiq reluctantly agrees to help out. To make it more fun, Sadiq gathers together some friends to help. Can they care for their teacher's garden and have fun at the same time?



### **SADIQ & THE PET PROBLEM**

By: SIMAN NUURALI | Paperback  
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FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Diversity

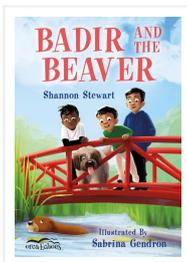
Sadiq's third grade class has no classroom pet! Not only that, but Sadiq has never had a pet of his own. So Sadiq gathers some classmates to help him solve this problem. What kind of pet would be perfect for their class? A lizard? A bunny? A parakeet? Soon it's up to Sadiq and friends to convince their teacher and classmates that they have found the perfect pet match.



### **CATCHING SPRING**

By: SYLVIA OLSEN | Paperback Canadian  
ISBN: 9781551432984 | Price: \$6.36  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Character Education, Indigenous

The year is 1957, and Bobby lives on the Tsartlip First Nation reserve on Vancouver Island where his family has lived for generations and generations. He loves his weekend job at the nearby marina. He loves to play marbles with his friends. And he loves being able to give half his weekly earnings to his mother to eke out the grocery money, but he longs to enter the up-coming fishing derby. With the help of his uncle and Dan from the marina his wish just might come true.



### **BADIR & THE BEAVER**

By: SHANNON STEWART | Paperback Canadian  
ISBN: 9781459817272 | Price: \$6.36  
FIRST NOVEL | Theme(s): Ramadan, Diversity, Immigration

It's Ramadan, a time to focus on good deeds and to fast, and Badir and his brother, Anis, are out for a walk one evening while they wait for their iftar meal. In the park Badir sees a rat. A very, very large rat. He soon learns it's actually a beaver, an animal that doesn't live in Tunisia, the country Badir and his family have emigrated from. It turns out that some of the neighbors who enjoy the park think this beaver is a bit of a pest, but Badir thinks it's wonderful and learns everything he can about the iconic Canadian animal. When a petition is started to remove the beaver, Badir, who knows firsthand how difficult it is to leave your home behind, rallies his classmates to save it. And with a little help from new friends, the kids learn that collaboration and faith can change the way we think about the world.

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### **ISAIAH DUNN IS MY HERO**

By: KELLY BAPTIST | Hardcover

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Death & Grieving , Alcohol use, Diversity

A coming-of-age tale about a boy who discovers a love of poetry after finding his late father's journal. Adapted from a story that first appeared in *Flying Lessons & Other Stories* and perfect for fans of *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson. Isaiah is now the big man of the house. But it's a lot harder than his dad made it look. His little sister, Charlie, asks too many questions, and Mama's gone totally silent. Good thing Isaiah can count on his best friend, Sneaky, who always has a scheme for getting around the rules. Plus, his classmate Angel has a few good ideas of her own--once she stops hassling Isaiah. And when things get really tough, there's Daddy's journal, filled with stories about the amazing Isaiah Dunn, a superhero who gets his powers from beans and rice. Isaiah wishes his dad's tales were real. He could use those powers right about now! Kelly J. Baptist's debut novel explores the indomitable spirit of a ten-year-old boy and the superhero strength it takes to grow up.



### **ASHA & THE SPIRIT BIRD**

By: JASBINDER BILAN | Hardcover

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Magical Realism

In contemporary India, 12-year-old Asha will journey across the dangerous Himalayas to find her missing father and save her family's home -- guided by a mythical bird and a green-eyed tiger who she believes to be the spirits of her ancestors. This is an incredibly unique debut about loss, family, buried treasure, and hope. Asha lives on a family farm with her mother in rural India in the foothills of the Himalayas. Life would be perfect if her father were with them instead of working at the factory in the faraway city. But she knows they wouldn't be able to afford their home without the money he sends home. When four months go by without a single letter, a ruthless debt collector arrives with a warning, and soon the entire world that Asha has known is threatened. Determined to save her home, Asha and her best friend must swallow their fears and set out on a dangerous journey across the Himalayas to find her father. As desperation turns to peril, Asha will face law enforcement, natural disaster, and the wild dangers of the Himalayas. But with a majestic bird and a green-eyed tiger as her guides, who she believes to be the spirits of her ancestors, she's determined to keep faith in order to save her family.



### **HURRICANE CHILD**

By: KACEN CALLENDER | Paperback

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+, Diversity

Caroline Murphy is a Hurricane Child. Being born during a hurricane is unlucky, and 12-year-old Caroline has had her share of bad luck lately. She's hated and bullied by everyone in her small school on St. Thomas of the US Virgin Islands, a spirit only she can see won't stop following her, and -- worst of all -- Caroline's mother left home one day and never came back. But when a new student named Kalinda arrives, Caroline's luck begins to turn around. Kalinda, a solemn girl from Barbados with a special smile for everyone, becomes Caroline's first and only friend -- and the person for whom Caroline has begun to develop a crush. Now, Caroline must find the strength to confront her feelings for Kalinda, brave the spirit stalking her through the islands, and face the reason her mother abandoned her. Together, Caroline and Kalinda must set out in a hurricane to find Caroline's missing mother -- before Caroline loses her forever.



### **KING & THE DRAGONFLIES**

By: KACEN CALLENDER | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781338129335 | Price: \$19.19

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, LGBTQ2S+

In a small but turbulent Louisiana town, one boy's grief takes him beyond the bayous of his backyard, to learn that there is no right way to be yourself. Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his brother Khalid has turned into a dragonfly. When Khalid unexpectedly passed away, he shed what was his first skin for another to live down by the

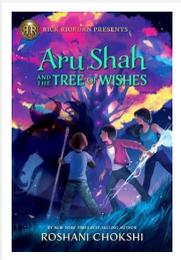
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bayou in their small Louisiana town. Khalid still visits in dreams, and King must keep these secrets to himself as he watches grief transform his family. It would be easier if King could talk with his best friend, Sandy Sanders. But just days before he died, Khalid told King to end their friendship, after overhearing a secret about Sandy-that he thinks he might be gay. "You don't want anyone to think you're gay too, do you?" But when Sandy goes missing, sparking a town-wide search, and King finds his former best friend hiding in a tent in his backyard, he agrees to help Sandy escape from his abusive father, and the two begin an adventure as they build their own private paradise down by the bayou and among the dragonflies. As King's friendship with Sandy is reignited, he's forced to confront questions about himself and the reality of his brother's death. The Thing About Jellyfish meets The Stars Beneath Our Feet in this story about loss, grief, and finding the courage to discover one's identity, from the author of Hurricane Child.



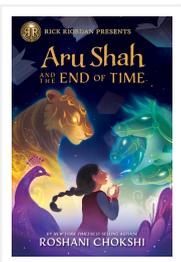
### **ARU SHAH 03 & THE TREE OF WISHES**

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): India

War between the devas and the demons is imminent, and the Otherworld is on high alert. Fourteen-year-old Aru Shah and her friends are sent on a mission to rescue two "targets," one of whom is about to utter a prophecy that could mean the difference between victory and defeat. Turns out the targets, a pair of twins, are the newest Pandava sisters, though the prophecy says that one sister is not true. When the Pandavas fail to prevent the prophecy from reaching the Sleeper's ears, the heavenly attendants ask them to step aside. Aru believes that the only way to put the shine back on their brand is to find the Kalpavriksha, the wish-granting tree that came out of the Ocean of Milk when it was churned. If she can reach it before the Sleeper, perhaps she can turn everything around with one wish. Careful what you wish for, Aru...



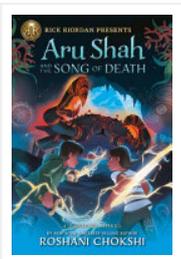
### **ARU SHAH 01 & THE END OF TIME**

By: ROSHANI CHOKSHI | Paperback

ISBN: 9781368023566 | Price: \$7.19

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): India, Diversity

Best-selling author Rick Riordan introduces this adventure by Roshani Chokshi about twelve-year-old Aru Shah, who has a tendency to stretch the truth in order to fit in at school. While her classmates are jetting off to family vacations in exotic locales, she'll be spending her autumn break at home, in the Museum of Ancient Indian Art and Culture, waiting for her mom to return from her latest archeological trip. Is it any wonder that Aru makes up stories about being royalty, traveling to Paris, and having a chauffeur? One day, three schoolmates show up at Aru's doorstep to catch her in a lie. They don't believe her claim that the museum's Lamp of Bharata is cursed, and they dare Aru to prove it. Just a quick light, Aru thinks. Then she can get herself out of this mess and never ever fib again. But lighting the lamp has dire consequences. She unwittingly frees the Sleeper, an ancient demon whose duty it is to awaken the God of Destruction. Her classmates and beloved mother are frozen in time, and it's up to Aru to save them. The only way to stop the demon is to find the reincarnations of the five legendary Pandava brothers, protagonists of the Hindu epic poem, the Mahabharata, and journey through the Kingdom of Death. But how is one girl in Spider-Man pajamas supposed to do all that?



### **ARU SHAH 02 & THE SONG OF DEATH**

By: ROSHANI CHOKSHI | Paperback

ISBN: 9781368023559 | Price: \$8.39

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): India

Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents best-selling author Roshani Chokshi and her sequel to Aru Shah and the End of Time. Aru is only just getting the hang of this whole Pandava thing when the Otherworld goes into full panic mode. The god of love's bow and arrow have gone missing, and the thief isn't playing Cupid. Instead, they're turning people into heartless fighting-machine zombies. If that weren't bad enough, somehow Aru gets framed as the thief. If she doesn't find the arrow by the next full moon, she'll be kicked out of the Otherworld. For good. But, for better or worse, she won't be going it alone. Along with her soul-sister, Mini, Aru will team up with Brynne, an ultra-strong girl who knows more than she lets on, and Aiden, the boy who lives across the street and is also hiding plenty of secrets. Together they'll battle demons, travel through a glittering and dangerous serpent realm, and discover that

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their enemy isn't at all who they expected.



### **KIRANMALA & THE KINGDOM BEYOND 01 SERPEN**

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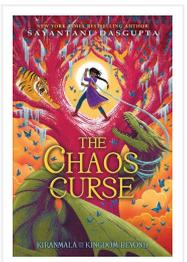
A new middle-grade fantasy series packed with action and adventure perfect for fans of Rick Riordan. MEET KIRANMALA: INTERDIMENSIONAL DEMON SLAYER (Only she doesn't know it yet.) On the morning of her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala is just a regular sixth grader living in Parsippany, New Jersey...until her parents mysteriously vanish and a drooling rakkhosh demon slams through her kitchen, determined to eat her alive. Turns out there might be some truth to her parents' fantastical stories-like how Kiranmala is a real Indian princess and how she comes from a secret place not of this world. To complicate matters, two crush-worthy princes ring her doorbell, insisting they've come to rescue her. Suddenly, Kiran is swept into another dimension full of magic, winged horses, moving maps, and annoying, talking birds. There she must solve riddles and battle demons all while avoiding the Serpent King of the underworld and the Rakkhoshi Queen in order to find her parents and basically save New Jersey, her entire world, and everything beyond it...



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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, India

Saving the multiverse is no game in this New York Times bestseller! When the Demon Queen shows up in her bedroom, smelling of acid and surrounded by evil-looking bees, twelve-year-old Kiranmala is uninterested. After all, it's been weeks since she last heard from her friends in the Kingdom Beyond, the alternate dimension where she was born as an Indian princess. But after a call to action over an interdimensional television station and a visit with some all-seeing birds, Kiran decides that she has to once again return to her homeland, where society is fraying, a terrible game show reigns supreme, and friends and foes alike are in danger. Everyone is running scared or imprisoned following the enactment of sudden and unfair rules of law. However, things are a lot less clear than the last time she was in the Kingdom Beyond. Kiran must once again solve riddles and battle her evil Serpent King father -- all while figuring out who her true friends are, and what it really means to be a hero.



### **KIRANMALA & THE KINGDOM BEYOND 03 CHAOS**

By: SAYANTANI DASGUPTA | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781338355895 | Price: \$19.19  
JUNIOR FICTION

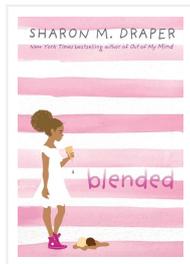
Creating order out of chaos has frightening consequences in this New York Times bestselling series! Kiranmala must leave the Kingdom Beyond and travel to her hometown of Parsippany to save Prince Lal, who has been spirited to the unlikeliest of places -- a tree in the yard of her best-enemy-for-life. She also faces evil serpents (of course!), plus a frightening prophecy about her role in the coming conflict between good and evil. Most troubling of all, though, is the way reality all around her seems to waver and flicker at odd moments. Could it be that the Anti-Chaos Committee's efforts are causing a dangerous disruption in the multiverse? Kiran must grapple with the increasingly tangled threads that threaten to ensnare her...and everyone in the world and the Kingdom Beyond.

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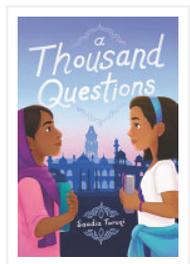
## **BLENDED**

By: SHARON DRAPER | Paperback

ISBN: 9781442495012 | Price: \$9.59

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, #BlackLivesMatter

Eleven-year-old Isabella's blended family is more divided than ever in this "timely but genuine" (Publishers Weekly) story about divorce and racial identity from the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of Out of My Mind, Sharon M. Draper. Eleven-year-old Isabella's parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week: One week she's Isabella with her dad, his girlfriend Anastasia, and her son Darren living in a fancy house where they are one of the only black families in the neighborhood. The next week she's Izzy with her mom and her boyfriend John-Mark in a small, not-so-fancy house that she loves. Because of this, Isabella has always felt pulled between two worlds. And now that her parents are divorced, it seems their fights are even worse, and they're always about HER. Isabella feels completely stuck in the middle, split and divided between them more than ever. And she is beginning to realize that being split between Mom and Dad involves more than switching houses, switching nicknames, switching backpacks: it's also about switching identities. Her dad is black, her mom is white, and strangers are always commenting: "You're so exotic!" "You look so unusual." "But what are you really?" She knows what they're really saying: "You don't look like your parents." "You're different." "What race are you really?" And when her parents, who both get engaged at the same time, get in their biggest fight ever, Isabella doesn't just feel divided, she feels ripped in two. What does it mean to be half white or half black? To belong to half mom and half dad? And if you're only seen as half of this and half of that, how can you ever feel whole? It seems like nothing can bring Isabella's family together again—until the worst thing happens. Isabella and Darren are stopped by the police. A cell phone is mistaken for a gun. And shots are fired.



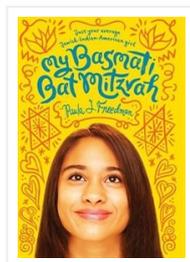
## **THOUSAND QUESTIONS**

By: SAADIA FARUQI | Hardcover

ISBN: 9780062943200 | Price: \$16.80

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

Told in two voices, eleven-year-olds Mimi, who is visiting her wealthy grandparents in Karachi, Pakistan, for the first time and Sakina, daughter of the grandparents' cook, form an unexpected friendship.



## **MY BASMATI BAT MITZVAH**

By: PAULA FREEDMAN | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781419708060 | Price: \$17.56

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Jewish, Humour

During the fall leading up to her bat mitzvah, Tara (Hindi for "star") Feinstein has a lot more than her Torah portion on her mind. Between Hebrew school and study sessions with the rabbi, there doesn't seem to be enough time to hang out with her best friend Ben-O-who might also be her boyfriend-and her other best friend, Rebecca, who's getting a little too cozy with the snotty Sheila Rosenberg. Not to mention working on her robotics project with the class clown Ryan Berger, or figuring out what to do with a priceless heirloom sari that she accidentally ruined. Amid all this drama, Tara considers how to balance her Indian and Jewish identities and what it means to have a bat mitzvah while questioning her faith. With the cross-cultural charm of Bend It Like Beckham, this delightful debut novel is a classic coming-of-age story and young romance with universal appeal. Praise for My Basmati Bat Mitzvah "In my opinion, My Basmati Bat Mitzvah shows that everyone is different in their own way and some get the advantage of being culturally diverse. I rate the book 5 stars!" -Shivani Desai, age 13 STARRED REVIEW "The latest spunky heroine of South Asian-Jewish heritage to grace middle-grade fiction, Tara Feinstein, 12, charms readers from the get-go in this strong, funny debut." -Kirkus Reviews, starred review "Tara's inquisitiveness, openness, and determination to chart her own path stand out in this warm story of family, faith and the ways people are unique yet intertwined." -Publishers Weekly "With a conversational and authentic tween voice, Tara invites readers into her world as she explores the larger issues of faith, compassion, and tradition while confronting the awkwardness that is puberty-her questions regarding God are poignant and relatable while her opinions on training bras are simply spot-on..." -The Bulletin of The Center for Children's Books "Authors often mention but then shrink from exploring in depth their characters' mixed religious heritage; it's a sensitive subject that demands close scrutiny. Freedman bucks that trend, avoiding didacticism by portraying broader issues through Tara's personality and unique circumstances. As Tara learns in this skillful exploration, an important source of her special strengths-questioning

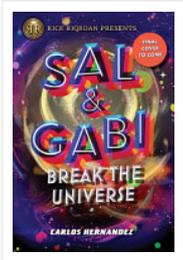
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spirit, empathy and strong ethical compass-is her mixed heritage." -The Jewish Daily Forward "This story will have resonance for many children of many faiths at the cusp of religious adulthood." -Booklist "As she makes her way through these challenges, she learns a great deal about friendship, family, and heritage. Freedman handles the ethnic and religious diversity of Tara's family and friends with a light touch, but doesn't shrink from exploring some of the complexities of a dual heritage." -School Library Journal "This book's well-drawn characters bring two colorful cultures to vibrant life. The contemporary urban setting, cast with touches of humor and romance, frame mature ideas of peer and self-acceptance in a familiar, lighthearted world. Middle grade girls will readily befriend Tara and pick up new cultural understanding." -Library Media Connection



## **SAL & GABI 01 SAL & GABI BREAK THE UNIVERSE**

By: CARLOS HERNANDEZ | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781368023627 | Price: \$8.39  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

How did a raw chicken get inside Yasmany's locker? When Sal Vidon meets Gabi Real for the first time, it isn't under the best of circumstances. Sal is in the principal's office for the third time in three days, and it's still the first week of school. Gabi, student council president and editor of the school paper, is there to support her friend Yasmany, who just picked a fight with Sal. She is determined to prove that somehow, Sal planted a raw chicken in Yasmany's locker, even though nobody saw him do it and the bloody poultry has since mysteriously disappeared. Sal prides himself on being an excellent magician, but for this sleight of hand, he relied on a talent no one would guess . . . except maybe Gabi, whose sharp eyes never miss a trick. When Gabi learns that he's capable of conjuring things much bigger than a chicken--including his dead mother--and she takes it all in stride, Sal knows that she is someone he can work with. There's only one slight problem: their manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk. A sassy entropy sweeper, a documentary about wedgies, a principal who wears a Venetian bauta mask, and heaping platefuls of Cuban food are just some of the delights that await in his mind-blowing novel gift-wrapped in love and laughter.



## **SAL & GABI 02 SAL & GABI FIX THE UNIVERSE**

By: CARLOS HERNANDEZ | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781368022835 | Price: \$17.99  
JUNIOR FICTION

Best-selling author Rick Riordan presents the sequel to the critically acclaimed Sal and Gabi Break the Universe, a brilliant sci-fi romp with Cuban influence. Among many other challenges, Sal and Gabi have to try to make everything right with our world when there is a rogue Gabi from another universe running loose. Sal Vidon doesn't want to live a Mami-free life. Pulling different versions of his mother from other universes is how he copes with missing his own, who died years ago. But Sal's father, a calamity physicist, is trying to shut down all the wormholes Sal creates, because Papi thinks they are eroding the very fabric of our world. All of Papi's efforts are in vain, however, because a Gabi from another universe has gone rogue and is popping up all over the place, seeking revenge for the fact that her world has been destroyed. While Sal and Gabi work together to keep both Papi and Rogue Gabi under control, they also have to solve the mystery of Yasmany, who has gone missing from school. Could it have something to do with the wormhole in the back of his locker? Readers who enjoyed Sal and Gabi Break the Universe will relish being back in the world of Culeco Academy and the Coral Castle along with such unforgettable characters as American Stepmom, the Gabi-Dads, Principal Torres, and the sassy entropy sweeper. With multiple Sals and Gabis in charge, it's no wonder this sequel offers even more hilarious weirdness and love than the first book.

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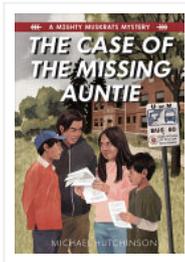
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## LUPE WONG WON'T DANCE

By: DONNA HIGUERA | Hardcover  
ISBN: 9781646140039 | Price: \$19.99  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour, Diversity

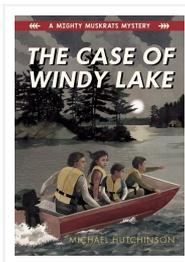
My gym shorts burrow into my butt crack like a frightened groundhog. Don't you want to read a book that starts like that?? Lupe Wong is going to be the first female pitcher in the Major Leagues. She's also championed causes her whole young life. Some worthy...like expanding the options for race on school tests beyond just a few bubbles. And some not so much...like complaining to the BBC about the length between Doctor Who seasons. Lupe needs an A in all her classes in order to meet her favorite pitcher, Fu Li Hernandez, who's Chinacan/Mexinese just like her. So when the horror that is square dancing rears its head in gym? Obviously she's not gonna let that slide. Not since Millicent Min, Girl Genius has a debut novel introduced a character so memorably, with such humor and emotional insight. Even square dancing fans will agree...



## CASE OF THE MISSING AUNTIE

By: MICHAEL HUTCHINSON | Paperback Canadian  
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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery, Indigenous

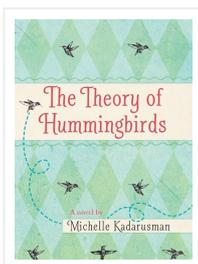
The Mighty Muskrats, four Cree cousins from the Windy Lake First Nation, visit the city and solve the mystery of their missing aunt.



## CASE OF WINDY LAKE

By: MICHAEL HUTCHINSON | Paperback Canadian  
ISBN: 9781772600858 | Price: \$8.76  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Mystery, Indigenous

Sam, Otter, Atim, and Chickadee are four inseparable cousins growing up on the Windy Lake First Nation. Nicknamed the Mighty Muskrats for their habit of laughing, fighting, and exploring together, the cousins find that each new adventure adds to their reputation. When a visiting archeologist goes missing, the cousins decide to solve the mystery of his disappearance. In the midst of community conflict, family concerns, and environmental protests, the four get busy following every lead. From their base of operations in a fort made out of an old school bus, the Mighty Muskrats won't let anything stop them from solving their case!



## THEORY OF HUMMINGBIRDS

By: MICHELLE KADARUSMAN | Paperback Canadian  
ISBN: 9781772780352 | Price: \$9.71  
JUNIOR FICTION

From Governor General's Literary Award finalist Michelle Kadarusman. A moving novel for middle-grade readers that is not about overcoming disability, but rather becoming one's truest self "Hummingbirds and angels don't need two good feet. They have wings." That's what Alba's mother always says. Of course, Alba doesn't have wings or two good feet: she has Cleo. Cleo is the name Alba has given to her left foot, which was born twisted in the wrong direction. When she points this out, though, her mother just smiles like the world has some surprise in store she doesn't know about yet. Well, Alba has her own surprise planned. After many surgeries and one final cast, Cleo is almost ready to meet the world straight on—just in time to run in the sixth grade cross-country race. Unfortunately, Alba's best friend Levi thinks there's no way she can pull it off. And she thinks there's no way he's right about the school librarian hiding a wormhole in her office. Tempers flare. Sharp words fly faster than hummingbirds. And soon it looks like both friends will be stuck proving their theories on their own. #ownvoices author Michelle Kadarusman's debut and award-nominated novel, The Theory of Hummingbirds, is now available in paperback!

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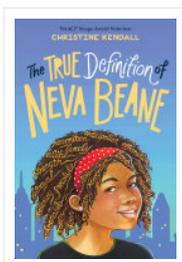
## WHEN YOU TRAP A TIGER

By: TAE KELLER | Hardcover

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Korean, Newbery 2021 Medal Winner

When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives. The tiger offers Lily a deal- if Lily will open her grandmother's star jars and return what she stole, the tiger will heal her grandmother. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice . . . and the courage to face a tiger.



## TRUE DEFINITION OF NEVA BEANE

By: CHRISTINE KENDALL | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781338324891 | Price: \$19.19

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Inter-Generational, Coming of Age

Being twelve isn't easy, especially when you're Neva Beane. Neva feels beautiful wearing her new bra, but she's confused by how others respond to the changes taking place in and out of her body. Her best friend, Jamila, is getting all the attention. Her brother, Clayton, is becoming an activist. And Mom and Dad are gone working-again. Grandad and Nana aren't much help, either, with their old ways and backward views. Neva struggles to find her place in a world that, like the political landscape that's always shifting around her in her West Philadelphia neighbourhood, is uncertain, at times scary, but most always, filled with unanswered questions. Neva is left with what comforts her most-words and their meanings, which she chronicles herself. While the pages of her beloved dictionary reveal truths about what's happening around her, Neva must discover the best way to define herself. In this wholly original story by the author of the NAACP Image Award nominee *Riding Chance*, a girl finds her voice in unexpected ways. (less)



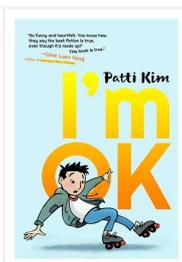
## STAND UP YUMI CHUNG

By: JESSICA KIM | Hardcover

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Humour, Diversity, Asian Heritage, Korean

On the outside, Yumi Chung suffers from #shygirlproblems, a perm-gone-wrong, and kids calling her "Yu-MEAT" because she smells like her family's Korean barbecue restaurant. On the inside, Yumi is ready for her Netflix stand-up special. Her notebook is filled with mortifying memories that she's reworked into comedy gold. All she needs is a stage and courage. Instead of spending the summer studying her favorite YouTube comedians, Yumi is enrolled in test-prep tutoring to qualify for a private school scholarship, which will help in a time of hardship at the restaurant. One day after class, Yumi stumbles on an opportunity that will change her life: a comedy camp for kids taught by one of her favorite YouTube stars. The only problem is that the instructor and all the students think she's a girl named Kay Nakamura--and Yumi doesn't correct them. As this case of mistaken identity unravels, Yumi must decide to stand up and reveal the truth or risk losing her dreams and disappointing everyone she cares about.



## I'M OK

By: PATTI KIM | Paperback

ISBN: 9781534419308 | Price: \$8.79

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Korean, Diversity, Coming of Age

"So funny and heartfelt." —Gene Luen Yang, author of *American Born Chinese* "I love the profound honesty of *I'm Ok*." —Newbery Medalist Linda Sue Park *Ok Lee* is determined to find the perfect get-rich-quick scheme in this funny, uplifting novel for fans of *Counting by 7s* and *Crenshaw*. *Ok Lee* knows it's his responsibility to help pay the bills. With his father gone and his mother working three jobs and still barely making ends meet, there's really no other choice. If only he could win the cash prize at the school talent contest! But he can't sing or dance, and has no magic up his sleeves, so he tries the next best thing: a hair braiding business. It's too bad the girls at school can't pay him much, and he's being befriended against his will by Mickey McDonald, an unusual girl with a larger-than-life personality. Then there's Asa Banks, the most popular boy in their grade, who's got it out for *Ok*. But when the pushy deacon at their Korean church starts wooing *Ok's* mom, it's the last straw. *Ok* has to come up with an exit

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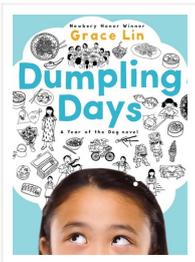
## DRAGON PEARL

By: YOON LEE | Paperback

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Korean

Rick Riordan Presents Yoon Ha Lee's space opera about thirteen-year-old Min, who comes from a long line of fox spirits. But you'd never know it by looking at her. To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic, such as Charm or shape-shifting. They must appear human at all times. Min feels hemmed in by the household rules and resents the endless chores, the cousins who crowd her, and the aunties who judge her. She would like nothing more than to escape Jinju, her neglected, dust-ridden, and impoverished planet. She's counting the days until she can follow her older brother, Jun, into the Space Forces and see more of the Thousand Worlds. When word arrives that Jun is suspected of leaving his post to go in search of the Dragon Pearl, Min knows that something is wrong. Jun would never desert his battle cruiser, even for a mystical object rumored to have tremendous power. She decides to run away to find him and clear his name. Min's quest will have her meeting gamblers, pirates, and vengeful ghosts. It will involve deception, lies, and sabotage. She will be forced to use more fox-magic than ever before, and to rely on all of her cleverness and bravery. The outcome may not be what she had hoped, but it has the potential to exceed her wildest dreams. This sci-fi adventure with the underpinnings of Korean mythology will transport you to a world far beyond your imagination.



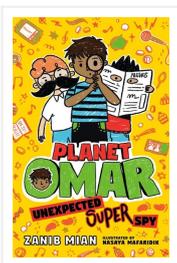
## DUMPLING DAYS

By: GRACE LIN | Paperback

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Asian Heritage, Diversity

A fresh new look for this modern classic by the Newbery-Award winning and bestselling author of *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* Pacy is back! The beloved heroine of *The Year of the Dog* and *The Year of the Rat* has returned in a brand new story. This summer, Pacy's family is going to Taiwan for an entire month to visit family and prepare for their grandmother's 60th birthday celebration. Pacy's parents have signed her up for a Chinese painting class, and at first she's excited. This is a new way to explore her art talent! But everything about the trip is harder than she thought it would be--she looks like everyone else but can't speak the language, she has trouble following the art teacher's instructions, and it's difficult to make friends in her class. At least the dumplings are delicious... As the month passes by, Pacy eats chicken feet (by accident!), gets blessed by a fortune teller, searches for her true identity, and grows closer to those who matter most.



## PLANET OMAR - UNEXPECTED SUPER SPY

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JUNIOR FICTION

Omar is back with a big mystery to solve in the second installment of this imaginative, highly-illustrated middle-grade series. When Omar hears that his family's favorite mosque is at risk of shutting down due to lack of funds, he knows he has to do something. And with the help of his best friend Charlie and another unlikely ally, a great idea is born--a school talent contest! Omar and his friends are super excited about their plan, that is until Omar's sister, Maryam, decides she and her friends are going to raise money, too, and the competition is on. The boys' talent show is a huge success but disaster strikes right at the end--all the money goes missing. Omar has no choice but to become a super spy to track down a foe much more wily than his sister. Omar's amazing imagination brings the second story in his adventures to life as he navigates more of life's ups and downs. From sibling brawls to speaking to the scary principal and becoming a community activist, bold illustrations and cheeky dialogue show how Omar perseveres through serious and silly adversity.

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Bullying issues, Diversity, Muslim

Welcome to the imaginative brain of Omar! Omar and his family have just moved, and he is NOT excited about starting at a new school. What if the work is too hard or the kids are mean or the teacher is a zombie alien?! But when Omar makes a new best friend, things start looking up. That is, until a Big Mean Bully named Daniel makes every day a nightmare! Daniel even tells Omar that all Muslims are going to be kicked out of the country . . . Could that possibly be true? Luckily, Omar's enormous imagination and goofy family help him get through life's ups and downs. Omar's funny, relatable narrative is the perfect answer to the call for both mirrors and windows to fill bookshelves with diverse stories.



### **BEST AT IT**

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): LGBTQ2S+, Diversity, India

Stonewall Honor Book! From award-winning actor Maulik Pancholy comes a hilarious and heartfelt middle grade debut about a gay Indian American boy coming into his own. Perfect for fans of Tim Federle's Nate series. Rahul Kapoor is heading into seventh grade in a small town in Indiana. The start of middle school is making him feel increasingly anxious, so his favorite person in the whole world, his grandfather, Bhai, gives him some well-meaning advice: Find one thing you're really good at and become the BEST at it. Those four little words sear themselves into Rahul's brain. While he's not quite sure what that special thing is, he is convinced that once he finds it, bullies like Brent Mason will stop torturing him at school. And he won't be worried about staring too long at his classmate Justin Emery. With his best friend, Chelsea, by his side, Rahul is ready to crush this challenge.... But what if he discovers he isn't the best at anything? Funny, charming, and incredibly touching, this is a story about friendship, family, and the courage it takes to live your truth.



### **AMAL UNBOUND**

By: AISHA SAEED | Paperback

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Social Justice

In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.



### **DIANA & THE ISLAND OF NO RETURN**

By: AISHA SAEED | Hardcover

ISBN: 9780593174470 | Price: \$18.39

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

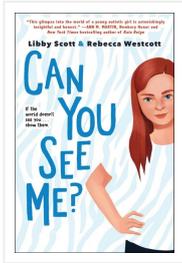
Twelve-year-old Diana's much-anticipated visit with her best friend, Princess Sakina, turns into an adventure as they face a booby-trapped island, a forbidden visitor, and a demon.

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## CAN YOU SEE ME

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): AUTISM, Special Needs, Diversity

A coming-of-age story about learning to celebrate yourself -- and teaching the world to recognize you, too -- perfect for fans of R. J. Palacio's Wonder! "This glimpse into the world of a young autistic girl is astonishingly insightful and honest. Tally's struggles to 'fit in' are heart-wrenching, and her victories are glorious." -- Ann M. Martin, Newbery Honor and New York Times bestselling author of Rain Reign Things Tally is dreading about sixth grade:-- Being in classes without her best friends-- New (scratchy) uniforms-- Hiding her autism Tally isn't ashamed of being autistic -- even if it complicates life sometimes, it's part of who she is. But this is her first year at Kingswood Academy, and her best friend, Layla, is the only one who knows. And while a lot of other people are uncomfortable around Tally, Layla has never been one of them . . . until now. Something is different about sixth grade, and Tally now feels like she has to act "normal." But as Tally hides her true self, she starts to wonder what "normal" means after all and whether fitting in is really what matters most. Inspired by young coauthor Libby Scott's own experiences with autism, this is an honest and moving middle-school story of friends, family, and finding one's place.



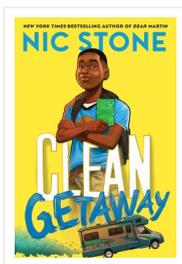
## BLACK PANTHER THE YOUNG PRINCE

By: RONALD SMITH | Paperback

ISBN: 9781368008495 | Price: \$7.19

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

Black Panther. Ruler of Wakanda. Avenger. This is his destiny. But right now, he's simply T'Challa-the young prince. Life is comfortable for twelve-year-old T'Challa in his home of Wakanda, an isolated, technologically advanced African nation. When he's not learning how to rule a kingdom from his father-the reigning Black Panther-or testing out the latest tech, he's off breaking rules with his best friend, M'Baku. But as conflict brews near Wakanda, T'Challa's father makes a startling announcement: he's sending T'Challa and M'Baku to school in America. This is no prestigious private academy-they've been enrolled at South Side Middle School in the heart of Chicago. Despite being given a high-tech suit and a Vibranium ring to use only in case of an emergency, T'Challa realizes he might not be as equipped to handle life in America as he thought. Especially when it comes to navigating new friendships while hiding his true identity as the prince of a powerful nation, and avoiding Gemini Jones, a menacing classmate who is rumored to be involved in dark magic. When strange things begin happening around school, T'Challa sets out to uncover the source. But what he discovers in the process is far more sinister than he could ever have imagined. In order to protect his friends and stop an ancient evil, T'Challa must take on the mantle of a hero, setting him on the path to becoming the Black Panther.



## CLEAN GETAWAY

By: NIC STONE | Hardcover

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JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

How to Go on an Unplanned Road Trip with Your Grandma: Grab a Suitcase: Prepacked from the big spring break trip that got CANCELLED. Fasten Your Seatbelt: G'ma's never conventional, so this trip won't be either. Use the Green Book: G'ma's most treasured possession. It holds history, memories, and most important, the way home. What Not to Bring: A Cell Phone: Avoid contact with Dad at all costs. Even when G'ma starts acting stranger than usual. Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with this New York Times bestseller and an eleven-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--his G'ma included.

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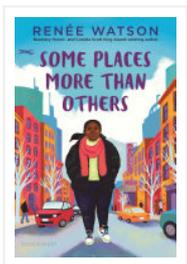
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## CILLA LEE-JENKINS - THE EPIC STORY

By: SUSAN TAN | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781250233424 | Price: \$8.79  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Chinese, Diversity

Cilla Lee-Jenkins returns to pursue her dreams of becoming a successful author while dealing with her Chinese-American family in Cilla Lee-Jenkins: The Epic Story by writer Susan Tan and illustrator Dana Wulfekotte. "Anyone who spends time with Cilla Lee-Jenkins will look forward to reading her in the future." –Booklist, starred review, on Cilla Lee-Jenkins: Future Author Extraordinaire Pricilla "Cilla" Lee-Jenkins has already written a "Bestseller" and a "Classic"—now it's time for her to write an Epic Story. Epics are all about brave heroes overcoming struggles to save the world, and this year, Cilla is facing her toughest struggles yet: · Cilla is in fifth grade and, unlike her classmates, not at all ready to start middle school · She has two younger sisters to look after now and they don't exactly get along · Her beloved grandfather YeYe has had a stroke and forgotten his English, and it's up to Cilla to help him find his words again With humor, heart, and her mighty pen Cilla Lee-Jenkins will use her powers to vanquish every foe (the mean girls in her class), help every citizen (especially Ye Ye), and save the world.



## SOME PLACES MORE THAN OTHERS

By: RENEE WATSON | Paperback  
ISBN: 9781681191102 | Price: \$8.79  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, #BlackLivesMatter

All Amara wants for her birthday is to visit her father's family in New York City-Harlem, to be exact. She can't wait to finally meet her Grandpa Earl and cousins in person, and to stay in the brownstone where her father grew up. Maybe this will help her understand her family--and herself--in new way. But New York City is not exactly what Amara thought it would be. It's crowded, with confusing subways, suffocating sidewalks, and her father is too busy with work to spend time with her and too angry to spend time with Grandpa Earl. As she explores, asks questions, and learns more and more about Harlem and about her father and his family history, she realizes how, in some ways more than others, she connects with him, her home, and her family.



## WAYS TO MAKE SUNSHINE

By: RENEE WATSON | Hardcover  
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JUNIOR FICTION



## SAVE ME A SEAT

By: SARAH WEEKS | Paperback  
ISBN: 9780545846615 | Price: \$7.99  
JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, India

Joe and Ravi might be from very different places, but they're both stuck in the same place: SCHOOL. Joe's lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own. Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in. Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common -- but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.

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### **FRONT DESK**

By: KELLY YANG | Paperback

ISBN: 9781338157826 | Price: \$7.99

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Poverty, Motels, Asian Heritage, Prejudice & Racism

Recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, even though the owner, Mr. Yao is a nasty skinflint who exploits them; while her mother (who was an engineer in China) does the cleaning, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants--not to mention being only one of two Chinese in her fifth grade class, the other being Mr. Yao's son, Jason.



### **THREE KEYS**

By: KELLY YANG | Hardcover

ISBN: 9781338591385 | Price: \$19.19

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Asian Heritage, Poverty, Immigration, Prejudice & Racism

The story of Mia and her family and friends at the Calivista Motel continues in this powerful, hilarious, and resonant sequel to the award-winning novel Front Desk. Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic...1. Mia's new teacher doesn't think her writing is all that great. And her entire class finds out she lives and works in a motel! 2. The motel is struggling, and Mia has to answer to the Calivista's many, many worried investors. 3. A new immigration law is looming and if it passes, it will threaten everything -- and everyone -- in Mia's life. It's a roller coaster of challenges, and Mia needs all of her determination to hang on tight. But if anyone can find the key to getting through turbulent times, it's Mia Tang!



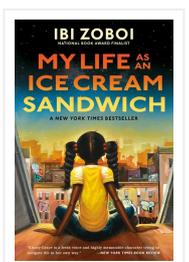
### **LOVE LIKE SKY**

By: LESLIE YOUNGBLOOD | Paperback

ISBN: 9781368019392 | Price: \$9.59

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Blended family, Diversity

"Brims with charm and compassion."--Vashti Harrison, New York Times best-selling author of Little Leaders "Love ain't like that." "How is it then?" Peaches asked, turning on her stomach to face me. "It's like sky. If you keep driving and driving, gas will run out, right?" "That's why we gotta go to the gas station." "Yep. But have you ever seen the sky run out? No matter how far we go?" "No, when we look up, there it is." "Well that's the kind of love Daddy and Mama got for us, Peaches--love like sky." "It never ends?" "Never." G-baby and her younger sister, Peaches, are still getting used to their "blended-up" family. They live with Mama and Frank out in the suburbs, and they haven't seen their real daddy much since he married Millicent. G-baby misses her best friend back in Atlanta, and is crushed that her glamorous new stepsister, Tangie, wants nothing to do with her. G-baby is so preoccupied with earning Tangie's approval that she isn't there for her own little sister when she needs her most. Peaches gets sick--really sick. Suddenly, Mama and Daddy are arguing like they did before the divorce, and even the doctors at the hospital don't know how to help Peaches get better. It's up to G-baby to put things right. She knows Peaches can be strong again if she can only see that their family's love for her really is like sky.



### **MY LIFE AS AN ICE CREAM SANDWICH**

By: IBI ZOBOI | Paperback

ISBN: 9780399187360 | Price: \$9.59

JUNIOR FICTION | Theme(s): Anti Racism, #BlackLivesMatter, Diversity

National Book Award-finalist Ibi Zoboi makes her middle-grade debut with a moving story of a girl finding her place in a world that's changing at warp speed. Twelve-year-old Ebony-Grace Norfleet has lived with her beloved grandfather Jeremiah in Huntsville, Alabama ever since she was little. As one of the first black engineers to integrate NASA, Jeremiah has nurtured Ebony-Grace's love for all things outer space and science fiction—especially Star Wars and Star Trek. But in the summer of 1984, when trouble arises with Jeremiah, it's decided she'll spend a few weeks with her father in Harlem. Harlem is an exciting and terrifying place for a sheltered girl from Huntsville, and

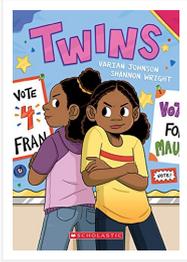
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Ebony-Grace's first instinct is to retreat into her imagination. But soon 126th Street begins to reveal that it has more in common with her beloved sci-fi adventures than she ever thought possible, and by summer's end, Ebony-Grace discovers that Harlem has a place for a girl whose eyes are always on the stars. A New York Times Bestseller



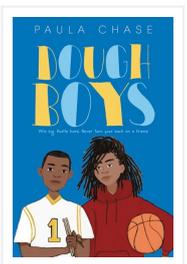
### **TWINS 01**

By: VARIAN JOHNSON | Paperback

ISBN: 9781338236132 | Price: \$13.59

GRAPHIC NOVEL CHILDREN'S | Theme(s): #OwnVoices, Diversity, #BlackLivesMatter, Twins

Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. They participate in the same clubs, enjoy the same foods, and are partners on all their school projects. But just before the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran -- a girl who wants to join the chorus, run for class president, and dress in fashionable outfits that set her apart from Maureen. A girl who seems happy to share only two classes with her sister! Maureen and Francine are growing apart and there's nothing Maureen can do to stop it. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good?



### **DOUGH BOYS**

By: PAULA CHASE | Hardcover

ISBN: 9780062691811 | Price: \$16.80

INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity

In the companion to her acclaimed *So Done*, Paula Chase follows best friends Simp and Rollie as their friendship is threatened by the pressures of basketball, upcoming auditions, middle school, and their growing involvement in the local drug ring. *Dough Boys* is a memorably vivid story about the complex friendship between two African American boys whose lives are heading down very different paths. For fans of Jason Reynolds's *Ghost* and Rebecca Stead's *Goodbye Stranger*. Deontae "Simp" Wright has big plans for his future. Plans that involve basketball, his best friend, Rollie, and making enough money to get his mom and four younger brothers out of the Cove, their low-income housing project. Long term, this means the NBA. Short term, it means being a dough boy—getting paid to play lookout and eventually moving up the rungs of the neighborhood drug operation with Rollie as his partner. Roland "Rollie" Matthews used to love playing basketball. He loved the rhythm of the game, how he came up with his best drumbeats after running up and down the court. But playing with the elite team comes with extra, illegal responsibilities, and Rollie isn't sure he's down for that life. The new talented-and-gifted program, where Rollie has a chance to audition for a real-life go-go band, seems like the perfect excuse to stop being a dough boy. But how can he abandon his best friend? Paula Chase explores universal themes of friendship and budding romance, while also exploring complex issues that affect many young teens. Full of basketball, friendship, and daily life in a housing project, this universal story is perfect for fans of Jason Reynolds's *Track* series, Jewell Parker Rhodes's *Ghost Boys*, and Chris Crutcher.



### **SO DONE**

By: PAULA CHASE | Paperback

ISBN: 9780062691798 | Price: \$7.99

INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Diversity, Abuse

When best friends Tai and Mila are reunited after a summer apart, their friendship threatens to combust from the pressure of secrets, middle school, and the looming dance auditions for a new talented-and-gifted program. Fans of Renée Watson's *Piecing Me Together* will love this memorable story about a complex friendship between two very different African American girls—and the importance of speaking up. Jamila Phillips and Tai Johnson have been inseparable since they were toddlers, having grown up across the street from each other in Pirates Cove, a low-income housing project. As summer comes to an end, Tai can't wait for Mila to return from spending a month with her aunt in the suburbs. But both girls are grappling with secrets, and when Mila returns she's more focused on her upcoming dance auditions than hanging out with Tai. Paula Chase explores complex issues that affect many young teens, and *So Done* offers a powerful message about speaking up. Full of ballet, basketball, family, and daily life in Pirates Cove, this memorable novel is for fans of Ali Benjamin's *The Thing About Jellyfish* and Jason Reynolds's *Ghost*.

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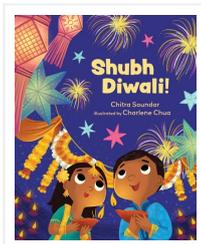
## REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF COYOTE SUNRISE

By: DAN GEMEINHART | Paperback

ISBN: 9781250233615 | Price: \$10.00

INTERMEDIATE FICTION | Theme(s): Family Relationships, Diversity

"Sometimes a story comes along that just plain makes you want to hug the world. The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise is Dan Gemeinhart's finest book yet — and that's saying something. Your heart needs this joyful miracle of a book." — Katherine Applegate, acclaimed author of *The One and Only Ivan* and *Wishtree* A 2019 Parents' Choice Award Gold Medal Winner Five years. That's how long Coyote and her dad, Rodeo, have lived on the road in an old school bus, criss-crossing the nation. It's also how long ago Coyote lost her mom and two sisters in a car crash. Coyote hasn't been home in all that time, but when she learns that the park in her old neighborhood is being demolished—the very same park where she, her mom, and her sisters buried a treasured memory box—she devises an elaborate plan to get her dad to drive 3,600 miles back to Washington state in four days...without him realizing it. Along the way, they'll pick up a strange crew of misfit travelers. Lester has a lady love to meet. Salvador and his mom are looking to start over. Val needs a safe place to be herself. And then there's Gladys... Over the course of thousands of miles, Coyote will learn that going home can sometimes be the hardest journey of all...but that with friends by her side, she just might be able to turn her "once upon a time" into a "happily ever after." This title has common core connections.



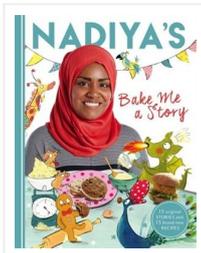
## SHUBH DIWALI

By: CHITRA SOUNDAR | Hardcover

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HOLIDAY

Diwali has arrived! Rangoli art decorates the floor and strings of flowers hang around the doors. Now it's time to ring the bells, light the lamps, and welcome the new year with family and friends. A sweet introduction to the Hindu festival of lights.



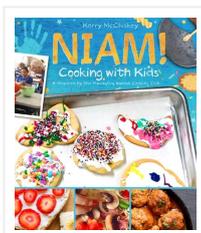
## NADIYA'S BAKE ME A STORY

By: NADIYA HUSSAIN | Hardcover

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THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES | Theme(s): Muslim

Join Great British Bake Off sensation Nadiya Hussain for scrumptious stories and delicious bakes that all the family can enjoy. A unique combination of storybook and cookbook, with all recipes and stories devised and written by Nadiya herself, *Nadiya's Bake Me a Story* brings families into the kitchen to spend time together sharing stories and cooking. - Make yummy butter-bean patties and, while they are in the oven, enjoy the story of Jack and the Bean-Patty Stalk - Meet Ruby-Red and the Three Bears, then bake your Very-Berry muffins - Join Rapunzel on an adventure, then make her carrot and nutmeg cookies - Bake some pumpkin and spice flapjacks, then curl up with the tale of Cinderella and her pumpkins Combining playful photography of Nadiya and her children with vibrant illustrations by Clair Rossiter, this glorious celebration of the joy of sharing food and stories is the perfect addition to every family's kitchen!



## NIAM - COOKING WITH KIDS

By: KERRY MCCLUSKEY | Hardcover Canadian

ISBN: 9781772272550 | Price: \$15.96

THINGS TO DO - CRAFTS, COOKING, GARDENING, MAGIC, GAMES | Theme(s): Inuit, Indigenous

"Niam" is an Inuktitut word that means "yum," and the recipes in this book are kid-tested for tastiness—a sure sign that they will live up to the name! From simple smoothies to jerk chicken to pizza from scratch, there is something in this book for all taste buds and skill sets. All the ingredients are readily available in Nunavut communities, and all the recipes can be made with country food, so kids both north and south can learn how to create the perfect palauq (a delightful hybrid of pogos and palauqaaq, traditional Inuit bannock) or make a mean meatball. Inspired by the Mamaqtuq Nanook Cooking Club, this cookbook isn't just about simple, delicious, kid-friendly recipes. Woven in amongst the tacos and the sugar cookies are ways to use cooking to give back to the community, traditional Inuit

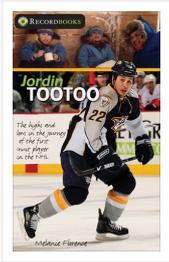
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knowledge about country food, and lists of skills that kids will develop as they work their way through each recipe. With recipes for even the littlest chef, this book offers the most delicious kind of learning. Niam!



## **JORDIN TOOTOO**

By: MELANIE FLORENCE | Paperback Canadian

ISBN: 9781552775295 | Price: \$7.96

SPORTS AND ACTIVE GAMES | Theme(s): Indigenous, Sports - Hockey, Prejudice & Racism, Inuit

Hockey is a relatively new sport in Canada's North. It wasn't until 2003 that Jordin Kudluk "Thunder" Tootoo became the first Inuk to play in an NHL game. Although hockey is a rough sport to begin with, Jordin Tootoo is known for having to "fight his way through." Jordin has had more than his fair share of fights both on and off the ice. He's had to overcome the social problems that are associated with the North, fight his way through the discrimination and culture shock he encountered after leaving Rankin Inlet and moving to Alberta to play in the Juniors, and see his way through the grief of losing his NHL-bound older brother and hero, Terence Tootoo, to suicide in 2002. This new biography explores the struggles and accomplishments of the most recognized role model for young Aboriginal and Inuit people today. [Fry Reading Level - 4.6

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