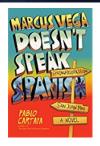


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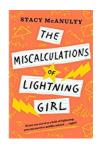
Pablo Cartaya | Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish

A series of misadventures take Marcus all over Puerto Rico in search of his elusive namesake, and he even learns a bit of Spanish along the way.



Veera Hiranandani | The Night Diary

Told through Nisha's letters to her mother, The Night Diary is a heartfelt story of one girl's search for home, identity, and for a hopeful future.



Stacy McAnulty | The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

A lightning strike gave Lucy super powered math skills...but even a super genius can't solve the problem of middle school.



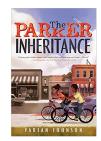
A.I. Newton | The Alien Next Door (Series)

An alien boy named Zeke tries to fit in and adjust to life on Earth, while a classmate, Harris, suspects that Zeke might not be quite what he claims to be.



Roshani Chokshi | Aru Shah and the End of Time

To stop a demon, Aru Shah must find the reincarnations of the five legendary Pandava brothers and journey through the Kingdom of Death.



Varian Johnson | The Parker Inheritance

Candice and Brandon begin investigating a mystery that will lead them deep into their town's history. Can they discover the answers in time?



Meg Medina | Merci Suárez Changes Gears

Thoughtful, strong-willed sixth-grader Merci Suárez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and middle school.



Chad Sell | The Cardboard Kingdom

Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into a cardboard kingdom. There's one last quest to complete before school starts again!



Saadia Faruqi | Yasmin (Series)

A creative thinker and curious explorer Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems.



Kekla Magoon | The Season of Styx Malone

Meet Caleb and Bobby Gene, two brothers embarking on a madcap, heartwarming, one-thing-leads-to-another adventure with their sixteen year old neighbor, Styx.



Anna Meriano | Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble

Leonora Logroño discovers the secret ingredient in her family's baking is a little bit of magic. When she decides to use one small spell...what could go wrong?



Elinor Teele | The Treasure of Mad Doc Magee

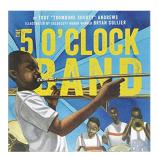
Jenny and her best friend, Pandora, know that if they can find the treasure, it'll solve all their problems. But the way is fraught with mysteries, riddles, and danger—and those are just the threats they know about!



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Non-Fiction





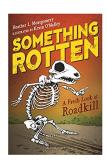
Troy Andrews | The 5 O'Clock Band

Shorty has some serious questions about what it means to be a leader, so he hits the streets of New Orleans to find some answers and soak up inspiration.



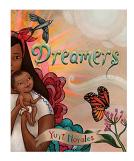
Roda Ahmed | Mae Among the Stars

Little Mae's curiosity, intelligence, and determination, matched with her parents' encouraging words, paved the way for her incredible success at NASA as the first African American woman to travel in space.



Heather Montgomery | Something Rotten: A Fresh Look at Roadkill

From biologists who use the corpses of Tasmanian devils to investigate cures for a contagious cancer, to a scientist who discovered a whole new species of bird from a single wing left behind, to a boy rebuilding animal bodies from the bones up, death is just the beginning for some creatures.



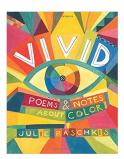
Yuyi Morales | Dreamers

Dreamers is a celebration of what migrantes bring with them when they leave their homes. And it's a story to remind us that we are all dreamers, bringing our own gifts wherever we roam.



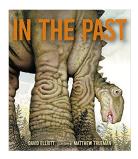
Series | Science Comics

Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic—dinosaurs, coral reefs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, flying machines, and more!



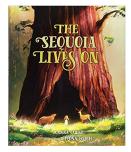
Julie Paschkis | Vivid: Poems and Notes About Color

Playful poems and facts celebrate the colors of the rainbow. With information about the science of sight and perception, pigment origins in art and textiles, colloquial expressions and word associations, there's so much to see in each vivid spread.



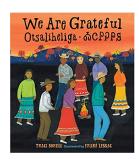
David Elliot | In the Past

Care to meet a dunkleosteus? An apatosaurus? Sure to intrigue everyone from armchair dino enthusiasts to budding paleontologists.



Joanna Cooke | The Sequoia Lives On

This book shares the life story of the giant sequoia, casting light on natural questions: How does this tree grow so big? How does it live so long? How can we protect them?



Traci Sorell | We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga

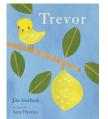
The word otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.



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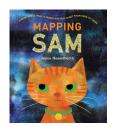
Picture Books





Jim Averbeck | Trevor

Trevor is a lonely yellow canary looking for a friend. He finds you don't have to be two of a kind to form a meaningful and lasting friendship.



Joyce Hesselberth | Mapping Sam

An adventurous cat named Sam explores her neighborhood at night in this book about how maps work.



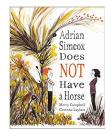
Grace Lin | A Big Mooncake for Little Star

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?



Kate Prendergast | Dog on a Digger

A satisfying story of a loyal, resourceful, and clever pup who likes to join their human on the construction site.



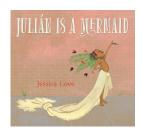
Marcy Campbell | Adrian Simcox does NOT Have a Horse

Adrian Simcox tells anyone who will listen that he has the best and most beautiful horse anywhere. But Chloe does NOT believe him.



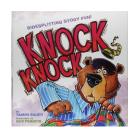
Minh Lê | Drawn Together

A boy and his grandfather cross a language and cultural barrier using their shared love of art, storytelling, and fantasy.



Jessica Love | Julián is a Mermaid

Julián loves mermaids and daydreams about being one. When he makes a mess playing dressup, his abuela completes the look and takes him to a Mermaid Parade.



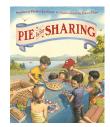
Tammi Sauer | Knock Knock

With each new visitor, Bear grows increasingly frustrated at his lack of peace and quiet. But his friends have a surprise in store for him -- a happy hibernation party!



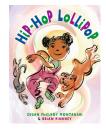
Blake Liliane Hellman | Something Smells

Elliot wakes up one morning to the most terrible smell. But what could it be? This book is Stinkin' Adorable!



Stephanie Parsley Ledyard | Pie is for Sharing

You're invited to a glorious Fourth of July picnic to learn all about sharing, the good things along with the bad.



Susan McElroy Montanari | Hip-hop Lollipop

Lollipop grooves her way through her bedtime routine, brushing her teeth to the beat and shimmying into pjs. A book that captures the joy of music, movement, and family.



Susan Verde | Hey, Wall

Around the wall in Ángel's neighborhood, the community bustles with life: music, dancing, laughing. But the wall is bleak, so Ángel decides to change that. But he can't do it alone.