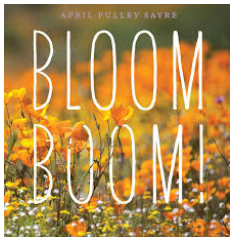


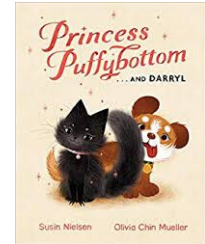
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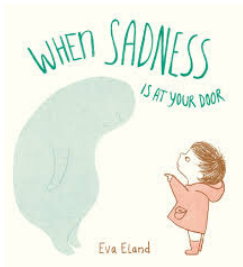
April Pulley Sayre | *Bloom Boom!*
Discover the magic—and the science—behind spring flower blooms.



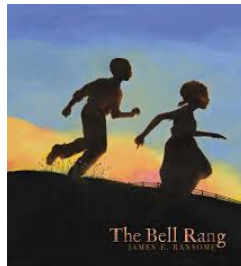
Maryann Cocca-Leffler | *Growing Season*
El and Jo are the shortest kids in class, and they're inseparable. But what happens when Jo starts to grow?



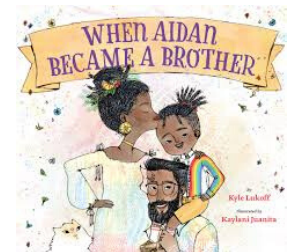
Susin Nielsen | *Princess Puffybottom... and Darryl*
Princess Puffybottom has the purrfect life among her adoring subjects. All is well...until an intruder arrives in her kingdom. Princess Puffybottom is NOT amused.



Eva Eland | *When Sadness is at Your Door*
A great primer in mindfulness and emotional literacy, perfect for kids navigating big, new feelings.



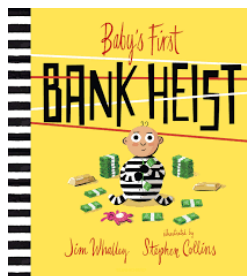
James E. Ransome | *The Bell Rang*
Every day begins the same way for an enslaved family, until Ben runs away. An ode to hope and a powerful tribute to the courage of those who ran for freedom.



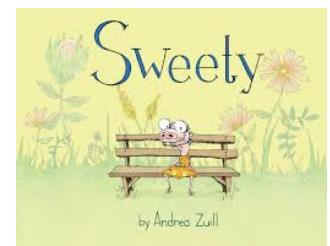
Kyle Lukoff | *When Aidan Became a Brother*
Aidan discovers that the most important thing about being a big brother is how to love with his whole self.



Dave Eggers | *Tomorrow Most Likely*
Explore all of the dreamy, wonderful, strange things the next day might bring.



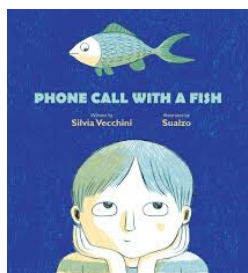
Jim Whalley | *Baby's First Bank Heist*
Move over, Bonnie and Clyde, because there's a new criminal mastermind in town . . . Baby Frank!



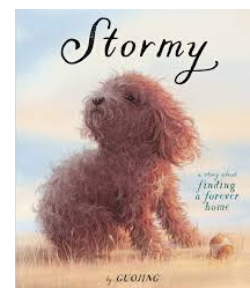
Andrea Zull | *Sweety*
Sweety is awkward, even for a naked mole rat. But with a little help from her cool Aunt Ruth, she finds out that being Sweety is actually pretty awesome.



Tania de Regil | *A New Home*
Moving to a new city can be exciting and home may be found wherever life leads.

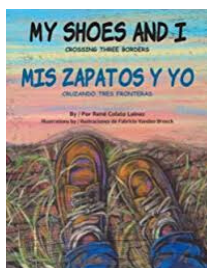


Silvia Vecchini | *Phone Call with a Fish*
Fish aren't silent after all—they just have their own way of communicating, just like the boy in class who doesn't say anything.

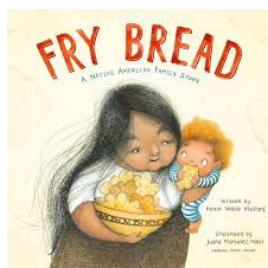


Guojing | *Stormy*
Trust doesn't always come easily, but over time, and with kindness and determination, forever love can grow.

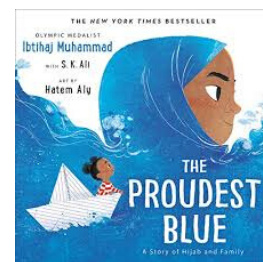
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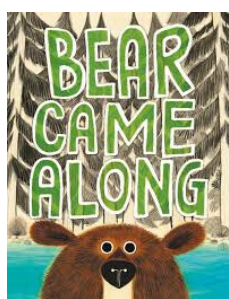
Rene Colato Lainez | *My Shoes and I*
Sharing his own experiences, René Colato Lainez's moving bilingual picture book brings to life the experiences of many young children who make the arduous journey from Central America to the United States in search of a better life.



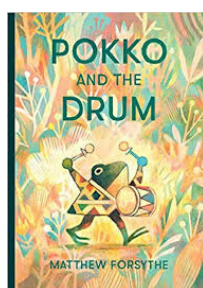
Kevin Noble Maillard | *Fry Bread*
Fry bread means many things: history, flavor, family. A story about a modern Native American Family and the things that bind us together.



Ibtihaj Muhammad | *The Proudest Blue*
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.



Richard T. Morris | *Bear Came Along*
Once there was a river that flowed night and day, but it didn't know it was a river until... Bear came along.



Matthew Forsythe | *Pokko and the Drum*
The biggest mistake Pokko's parents ever made was giving her the drum. A story about art, persistence, and grooving to your own beat.



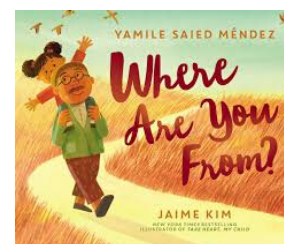
Julie Berry | *Happy Right Now*
Kids don't need to wait for fantastic gifts, school vacations, or sunny days to find joy in the moment.



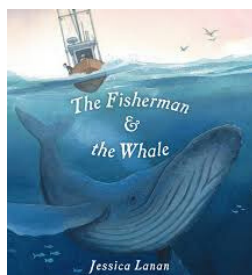
Jonty Howley | *Big Boys Cry*
Big boys DO cry and that's okay! Levi's dad helps him deal with big feelings.



Beth Ferry | *The Scarecrow*
All the animals know not to mess with old Scarecrow. But when a small, scared crow falls from midair, Scarecrow does the strangest thing...



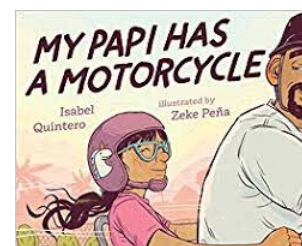
Yamille Saied Mendez | *Where Are You From?*
A girl who is asked where she's really from turns to her abuelo for the answer.



Jessica Lanan | *The Fisherman & the Whale*
A fisherman takes his son for a trip out on the water. When they encounter a whale entangled at sea, they realize a connection that transcends the animal kingdom.

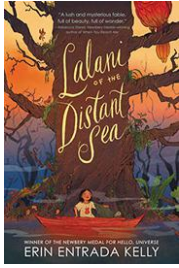


Oge Mora | *Saturday*
Join a mother and daughter on an up-and-down journey that reminds them of what's best about Saturdays: precious time together.



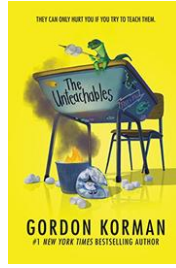
Isabel Quintero | *My Papi Has a Motorcycle*
A young girl's love letter to her hardworking dad and to memories of home that we hold close in the midst of change.

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Erin Entrada Kelly | *Lalani of the Distant Sea*

There are stories of extraordinary children who are chosen from birth to complete great quests and conquer evil villains. This is no such story. Sometimes, you are an ordinary child. Sometimes, you have to choose yourself. **Gr 4+**



Gordon Korman | *The Unteachables*

The Unteachables never thought they'd find a teacher who had a worse attitude than they did. Mr. Kermit never thought he would actually care about teaching again. Room 117 will experience mayhem, destruction—and maybe even a shot at redemption. **Gr 3+**



Dan Gemeinhart | *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*

Over the course of thousands of miles, Coyote will learn that going home can sometimes be the hardest journey of all, but with friends by her side, she just might be able to turn her “once upon a time” into a “happily ever after.” **Gr 4+**



Martha Maker | *Craftily Ever After* (series)

Emily is great at constructing and building; Maddie has an eye for fashion, fabrics, and sewing; Bella is a gadget whiz; and Sam is a gifted artist. Together, these four crafty friends dream up new projects to design, build, and create and learn how to handle obstacles. **Gr 2+**



Tim Tingle | *Stone River Crossing*

Crossing to freedom with his family seems impossible with slave catchers roaming, but then there is a miracle and by morning, Lil Mo discovers he has entered a completely new world of tradition, community, and a little magic. But as Lil Mo's family adjusts to their new life, danger waits just around the corner. **Gr 4+**



Jasmine Warga | *Other Words for Home*

A lot has changed since Jude moved to Cincinnati, Ohio from Syria. New friends, new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is. **Gr 5+**



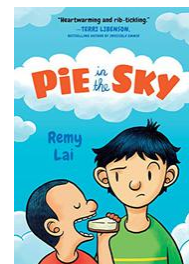
Dylan Meconis | *Queen of the Sea*

A reimagining of history loosely based on the exile of Queen Elizabeth I by her sister, Queen Mary. **Gr 4+**



Allison Mills | *The Ghost Collector*

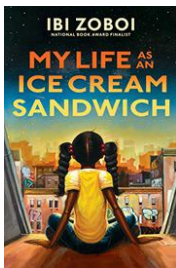
Shelly and her grandmother catch ghosts. In their hair. But ghosts aren't meant to stick around forever. **Gr 4+**



Remy Lai | *Pie in the Sky*

This middle-grade novel is about a boy's immigration experience, his annoying little brother, and their cake-baking hijinks! **Gr 4+**

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Ibi Zoboi | *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich*
When trouble hits her family like an asteroid, Ebony-Grace, aka Cadet E-Grace Starfleet, is forced to leave her beloved grandfather and her hometown of Huntsville, Alabama, to spend a week with her father in Harlem, New York. **Gr 4+**



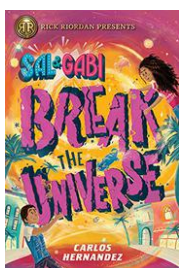
Kwame Mbalia | *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*
Tristan finds himself in the middle of a battle that has left black American gods John Henry and Brer Rabbit exhausted. In order to get back home, Tristan and these new allies will need to entice the god Anansi, the Weaver, to come out of hiding and seal the hole in the sky. **Gr 5+**



Nicole Panteleakos | *Planet Earth is Blue*
Nova, a nonverbal, autistic astronomy enthusiast counts down to the space shuttle Challenger's launch—and her runaway sister's return—in January 1986. **Gr 3+**



Brenda Woods | *The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA*
True friendships defy age, gender, race, and other obstacles. An important story of racism in small town, USA in the aftermath of WWII. **Gr 3+**



Carlos Hernandez | *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe*
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 you. **Gr 4+**



Anna Staniszewski | *Once Upon a Fairy Tale (series)*
The Enchanted Kingdom is in a heat wave until the Ice Princess uses her magic mirror to make winter come but it's broken! Can Kara and Zed find out how to fix the mirror and bring back winter? Or will it be summer forever? **Gr 1+**



Jerry Craft | *New Kid*
Jordan finds himself torn between two worlds; not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself? **Gr 4+**

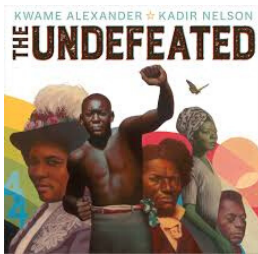


Jen Wang | *Stargazing*
Moon is everything Christine isn't. She's confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese-American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. **Gr 3+**



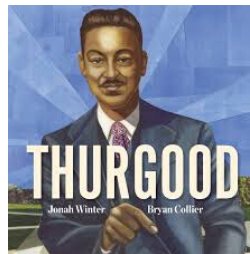
Ryan Andrews | *This Was Our Pact*
Nathaniel and Ben will travel farther than anyone has ever gone, down a winding road full of magic, wonder, and unexpected friendship*. **Gr 4+**
*And a talking bear.

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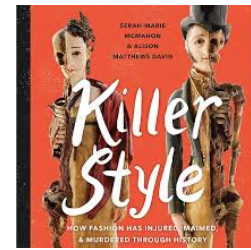
Kwame Alexander | *The Undeclared*

An ode to black American triumph and tribulation. Originally performed for ESPN's *The Undeclared*, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. **Gr 5+**



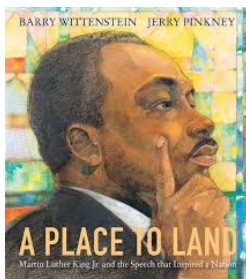
Jonah Winter | *Thurgood*

Thurgood Marshall--the first black justice on the Supreme Court and a giant of the civil rights movement--jumps to life in this inspiring picture-book biography. **K-Gr 4**



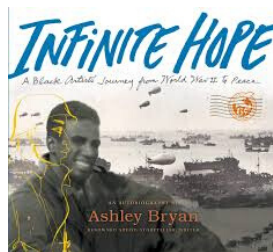
A. M. David & S. McMahon | *Killer Style: How Fashion Has Injured, Maimed, and Murdered Through History*

From silhouette-cinching corsets and combustible combs to lethal hair dyes and flammable flannel, look back at the times people have suffered pain, injury, and worse, all in the name of style. **Gr 5+**



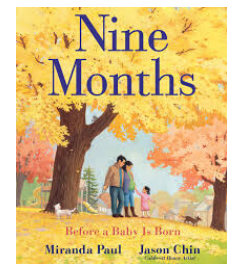
Barry Wittenstein | *A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation*

Much has been written about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1963 March on Washington. But there's little on his legendary speech and how he came to write it. **Gr 2+**



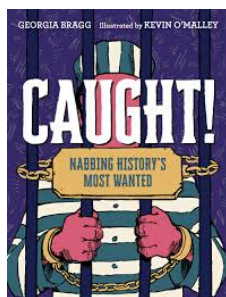
Ashley Bryan | *Infinite Hope:*

A Black Artist's Journey From World War II to Peace
A deeply moving memoir about serving in the segregated army during World War II, and how love and the pursuit of art sustained him. **Gr 5+**



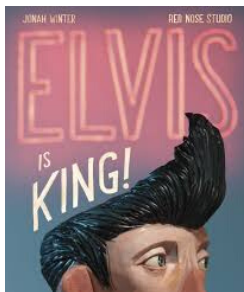
Miranda Paul | *Nine Months: Before a Baby is Born*

Join a family of three who spend nine whole months waiting, from a frosty winter through a sun-dappled summer, until finally... a baby is here. **Pre-K+**



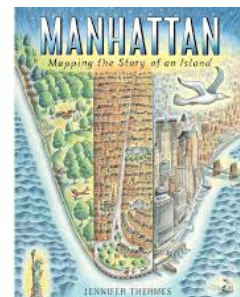
Georgia Bragg | *Caught!: Nabbing History's Most Wanted*

A humorous look at how famous people got caught, including Joan of Arc, Blackbeard, Al Capone, and more! **Gr 5+**



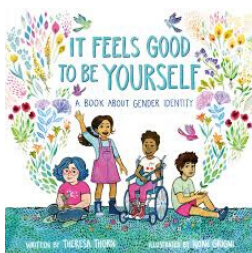
Jonah Winter | *Elvis is King!*

Elvis Presley--the King of Rock 'n' Roll, still beloved by millions of Americans--comes to vibrant, gyrating life in this extraordinary picture-book biography **K+**



Jennifer Thermes | *Manhattan: Mapping the Story of an Island*

An innovative look back through time, *Manhattan Maps* follows the history of Manhattan Island from its natural formation to the bustling city today. **Gr 2+**



Theresa Thorn | *It Feels Good To Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity*

A picture book that introduces the concept of gender identity to the youngest reader. **Pre-K+**



Hayley Barrett | *What Miss Mitchell Saw*

Discover the amazing true story of Maria Mitchell, America's first professional female astronomer. **K+**



Anika Aldamuy Denise | *Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré*

Follow la vida y legado of Pura Belpré, the first Puerto Rican librarian in New York City. **Pre-K+**