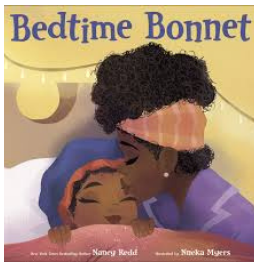


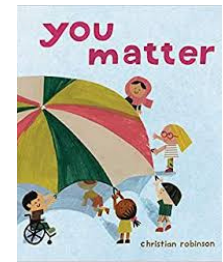
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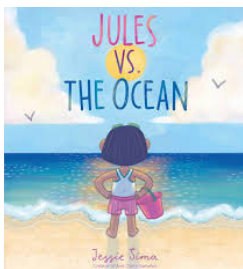
**April Pulley Sayre | *Bedtime Bonnet***  
This joyous and loving celebration of family is the first-ever picture book to highlight Black nighttime hair traditions



**Lita Judge | *When You Need Wings***  
An exploration of a child's imagination where dreams take flight into a wonderful world of imagination, while bringing words of encouragement and confidence.



**Christian Robinson | *You Matter***  
This bright and beautiful picture book is about seeing the world from different points of view, allowing readers to engage with the world in a new way and see that everyone matters.



**Jessie Sima | *Jules vs. The Ocean***  
Jules is determined to impress her older sister by building elaborate sandcastles, even if that means standing up to the ocean and its smash-happy waves!



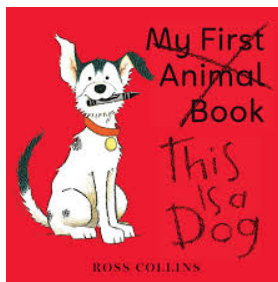
**Susan Vaught | *Together We Grow***  
A storm drives all the farm animals indoors except for a lonely fox family. The barn isn't their home. But where will they go for safety?



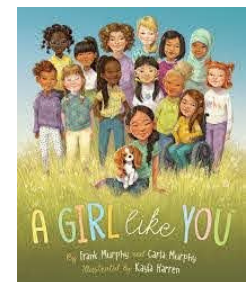
**Helena Ku Rhee | *The Paper Kingdom***  
An office becomes a fantastical kingdom of paper complete with friendly dragons when a young boy joins his parents at their jobs as night time office cleaners.



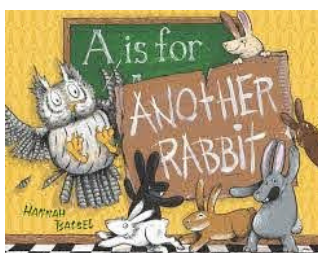
**Patricia MacLachlan | *My Friend Earth***  
Our friend Earth does so many wonderful things! Come celebrate everything Earth does for us, all the while reminding us to be a good friend in return.



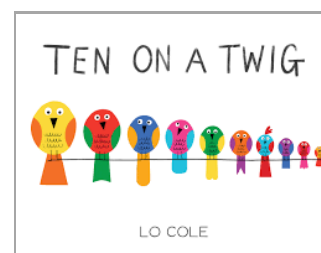
**Ross Collins | *This is a Dog***  
Uh-oh! An excitable (but very lovable) dog has found his way into this book of animals, and he will not let any of the other animals share the spotlight.



**Frank and Carla Murphy | *A Girl Like You***  
Every girl is a wonder! This book encourages girls to embrace what makes them unique, to choose kindness, and to be their own advocates.

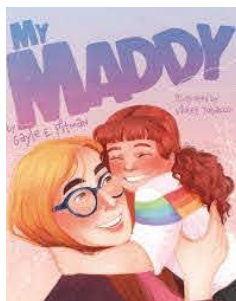


**Hannah Batsel | *A is for Another Rabbit***  
A rabbit-obsessed narrator makes an owl increasingly frustrated by refusing to play by the rules of a conventional alphabet book.



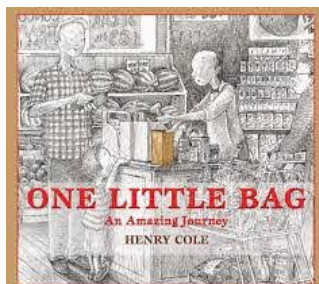
**Lo Cole | *Ten on a Twig***  
Count down from ten like never before with this uniquely interactive and beautiful picture book. For fans of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

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**Gayle E. Pitman | *My Maddy***

A child celebrates her Maddy, who is neither mommy nor daddy but a little bit of both, like so many things in nature.



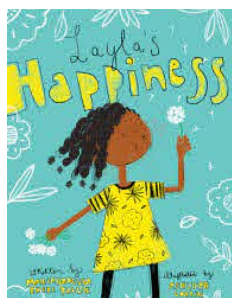
**Henry Cole | *One Little Bag***

This wordless picture book starts from a tall tree growing in the forest, to the checkout counter at the grocery store. Come along on the journey of one brown bag as it finds its way into the hands of a young boy.



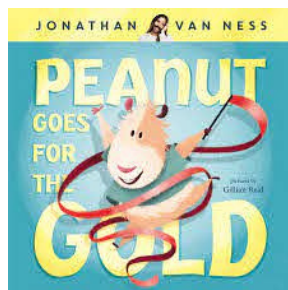
**Tom Lichtenheld | *When My Brother Gets Home***

A younger sister impatiently awaits her older brother's return from school. As his bus draws closer, she imagines all the fantastical adventures that await them.



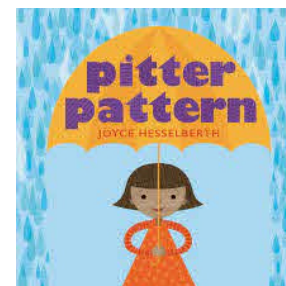
**Mariahadessa Ekere Tallie | *Layla's Happiness***

Layla loves life! So she keeps a happiness book. What is happiness for her? For you? Discover it in this wonderful picture book!



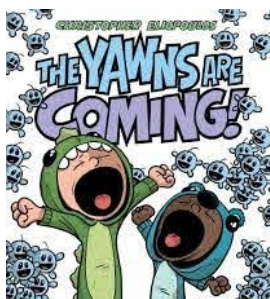
**Jonathan Van Ness | *Peanut Goes for the Gold***

This upbeat and hilarious picture book encourages children to not just be themselves, but to boldly and unapologetically love being themselves.



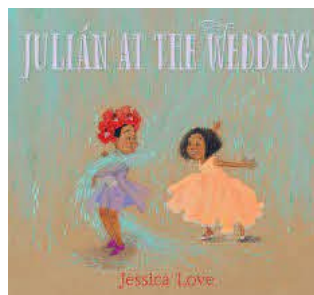
**Joyce Hesselberth | *Pitter Pattern***

Patterns are everywhere! Lu and her friends spot patterns in their daily activities including those found in music, weather, time, and many more. How many can you find?



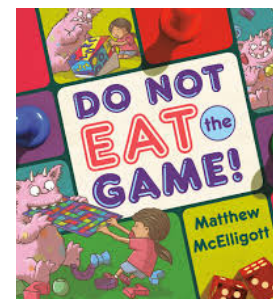
**Christopher Eliopoulos | *The Yawns are Coming!***

Two best friends have big plans for their sleepover. They aren't going to go to bed at all; they'll stay up playing all night long until: The YAWNS show up.



**Jessica Love | *Julian at the Wedding***

The star of Julián Is a Mermaid makes a joyful return. Join Julián and his abuela as they attend a wedding. Of course, with Julian, this wedding won't be without some fun, laughter, and a little magical mischief.

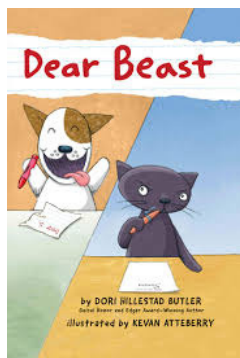


**Matthew McElligott | *Do Not Eat the Game!***

To play this game, you will need a friend, but what if your friend is a monster? Learning to play by the rules has never been so much fun!

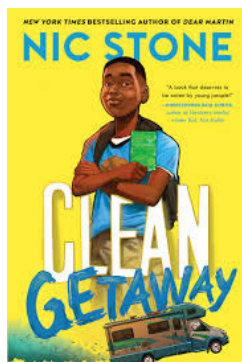


# BEST OF 2020 Fiction



## Dori Hillestad Butler | *Dear Beast*

Simon has taken care of his owner, Andy, for many years. So why would Andy's dad adopt a DOG?! To make matters worse, the animal is a rude, rowdy troublemaker. Simon's job is clear- the beast has got to go. He decides to write him a letter. But when the dog's response sets off an unexpected correspondence, Simon realizes the beast may be here to stay. Can he make room for another pet in Andy's life? **Grades K-2**



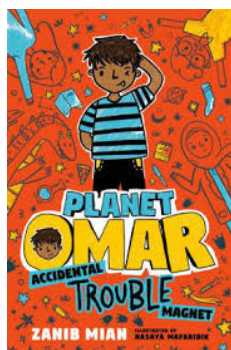
## Nic Stone | *Clean Getaway*

William "Scoob" Lamar is grounded AGAIN - until G'ma busts him out to go on a road trip with her to revisit a trip she took with her husband as an interracial couple across the deep South in the 1960s. As they go along, things start seeming fishier and fishier, until Scoob finally learns the truth about their journey. **Grades 3-7**



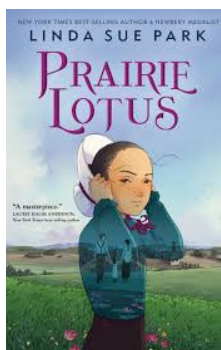
## Sarah Kapit | *Get a Grip, Vivy Cohen!*

Eleven-year-old knuckleball pitcher Vivy Cohen, who has autism, becomes pen pals with her favorite Major League baseball player after writing a letter to him as an assignment for her social skills class. **Grades 5-8**



## Zanib Mian | *Planet Omar* (series)

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family. **Grades 3-6**



## Linda Sue Park | *Prairie Lotus*

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves. **Grades 5-8**



## Alex Gino | *Rick*

Eleven-year-old Rick Ramsey has generally gone along with everybody, just not making waves. even though he is increasingly uncomfortable with his father's jokes about girls, and his best friend's explicit talk about sex; But now in middle school, he discovers the Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and identities can express themselves--and maybe among them he can find new friends and discover his own identity, which may just be to opt out of sex altogether. **Grades 3-7**

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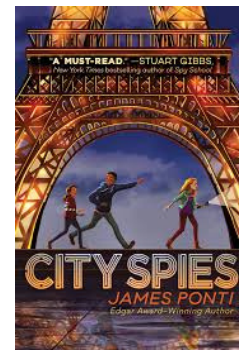
## Kelly Yang | *Three Keys*

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. **Grades 4-6**



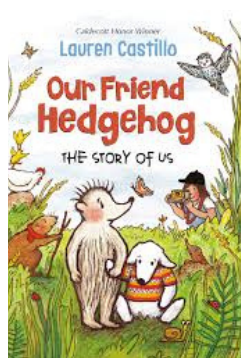
## Varian Johnson | *Twins* (graphic novel)

Maureen and Francine Carter are twins and best friends. 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. 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? **Grades 3-7**



## James Ponti | *City Spies*

Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies. **Grades 4-8**



## Lauren Castillo | *Our Friend Hedgehog*

Hedgehog lives on a teeny-tiny island with only her stuffed dog, Mutty, for company. When a great storm carries Mutty away, she embarks on a quest to find her friend. Following the trail of clues Mutty left behind, brave Hedgehog meets a wiggly Mole, a wordy Owl, a curmudgeonly Beaver, a scatterbrained Hen and Chicks, and a girl who's new to the neighborhood, Annika May. With bravery and teamwork, there's nothing that can stop these seven from finding Mutty. **Grades K-3**



## Victoria Ying | *City of Secrets* (graphic novel)

Since his father's death, Ever Barnes has secretly been in charge of an amazing mechanical building but now, ruffians are after him and his new friend Hannah, the building owner's spunky daughter. **Grades 3-6**



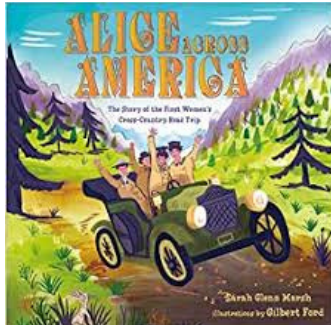
## Ann Clare LeZotte | *Show Me a Sign*

Mary Lambert's great-great-grandfather was an early English settler and the first deaf Martha's Islander. Now, in 1805, over a hundred years later, many people there -- including Mary -- are deaf, and nearly everyone can communicate in sign language. Now a cunning young scientist has arrived, hoping to discover the origin of the island's prevalent deafness. His maniacal drive to find answers soon renders Mary a "live specimen" in a cruel experiment. **Grades 3-7**



# BEST OF 2020

## Non-Fiction



**Sarah Glenn Marsh | *Alice Across America:***

***The Story of the First Women's Cross-Country Roadtrip***

When the Maxwell Company challenged Alice Ramsay to drive one of their new cars across the country as a promotional ploy to prove that even a lady could do it, Alice daringly accepted. Together, with several women by her side, these trailblazers roughed many insurmountable hardships over the course of a remarkable two month journey and far succeeded all expectations. **Grades 2-5**



**Jeff Gottesfeld | *No Steps Behind:***

***Beate Sirota Gordon's Battle for Women's Rights in Japan***

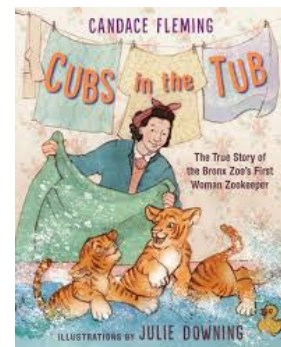
The unlikely story of Beate Sirota Gordon, who grew up in Japan and returned as a translator for the American military after WWII. Fluent in Japanese language and culture, she then went on to help write the new post-war constitution, which thanks to her bravery, included equal rights to the women of Japan. **Grades 1-4**



**Lea Lyon & A. LaFaye | *Ready to Fly:***

***How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina***

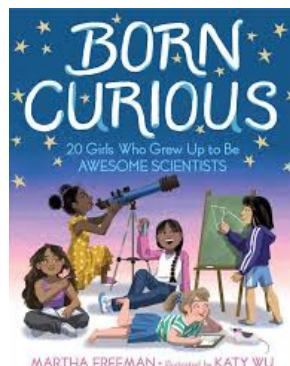
The true story of Sylvia Townsend, an African American girl who falls in love with ballet after seeing Swan Lake on TV. Unfortunately, not many ballet schools will accept a girl like Sylvia in the 1950s, but her local bookmobile provides another possibility. A librarian helps Sylvia find a book about ballet which inspires the determined seven-year-old to start teaching herself the basics of classical ballet. Soon Sylvia learns how to fly--how to dance--and how to dare to dream. **Grades K-3**



**Candace Fleming | *Cubs in the Tub:***

***The True Story of the Bronx Zoo's First Women Zookeeper***

When Bronx Zoo-keeper Fred brought home a lion cub, Helen Martini instantly embraced it and named him MacArthur. Soon enough, MacArthur was not the only cub! The couple continued to raise lion and tiger cubs as their own, until they were old enough to return them to zoos. Soon, Helen becomes the first female zookeeper at the Bronx zoo, the keeper of the nursery. **Grades PK-3**



**Martha Freeman | *Born Curious:***

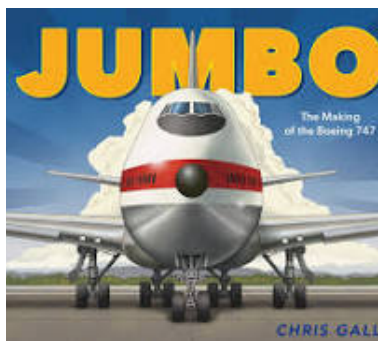
***20 Girls Who Grew Up to be Scientists***

A collection of biographies of twenty groundbreaking women scientists who were curious kids and grew up to make incredible discoveries.

**Grades 4-6**

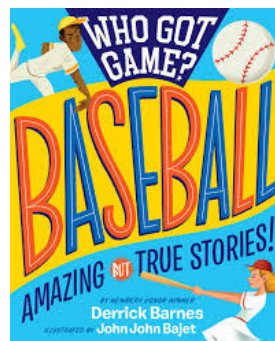
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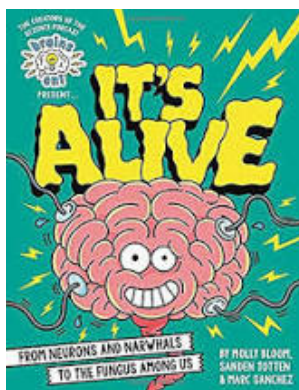
**Chris Gall | *Jumbo: The Making of the Boeing 747***

In 1968, the biggest passenger jet the world had ever seen, the Boeing 747, premiered in Everett, Washington. Reporters named it "the Jumbo jet." There was only one problem; it couldn't fly... yet. Discover the story of the world's first wide-body passenger jet, which could hold more people than any other jet at the time, that changed the history of air travel. **Grades K-3**



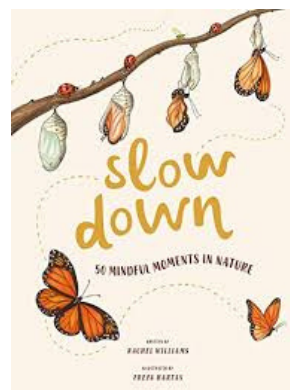
**Derrick Barnes | *Who Got Game?: Baseball: Amazing But True Stories!***

Celebrate the unheralded people and stories that helped shape the game of baseball! This lively illustrated collection of shiny nuggets of baseball lore will transform you into a superfan who knows the game better than anyone else. Someone who's got game. **Grades 4-6**



**Molly Bloom, Marc Sanchez & Sanden Totten | *It's Alive! From Neurons and Narwhals to the Fungus Among Us***

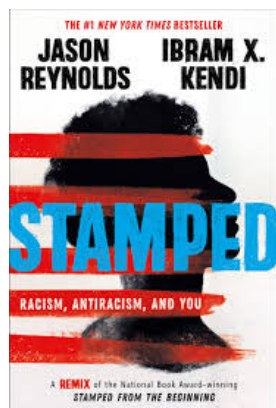
The creators of the award-winning science podcast for kids, Brains On!, present a humorous, fact- and fun-filled look at life on Earth -- from deep sea creatures and carnivorous plants to the human body and stinky bacteria. **Grades 4-7**



**Rachel Williams | *Slow Down: 50 Mindful Moments in Nature***

All around us, nature is working wonders. Every day, hour by hour, magical transformations happen right in front of you. But it's not always easy to see them . . .

In this beautiful illustrated collection, 50 moments in nature are paused for you to watch them in detail. Then you should go outside, and explore, and see what you find when you take the time to slow down. **Grades 3-7**



**Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi | *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You***

A history of racist and antiracist ideas in America, from their roots in Europe until today, adapted from the National Book Award winner *Stamped from the Beginning*. This book shines a light on the many insidious forms of racist ideas--and on ways readers can identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their daily lives. **Grades 5 and up.**