



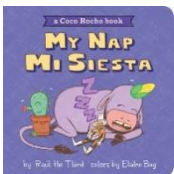
Inclusive Literature Lists

The Billings Public Library supports and values and celebrates diversity and inclusion. We strive to curate a collection of resources that represents all demographics in our community's tapestry. We believe an inclusive and welcoming community is a stronger community.

This list of inclusive and diverse literature that the youth of our community can see themselves in as well as use as a conduit to build compassion for others is brought to you on behalf of collaboration between the Human Relations Commission of the City of Billings, the Billings Public Library, and a children's literature assistant professor from Montana State University Billings.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, and any recommendations for this list. We will take these into consideration as we continue to develop these lists.

Inclusive Literature: September 2022



My Nap, Mi Siesta: A Coco Rocho Book

By [Raúl the Third](#)

2022-04 - Versify

9780358394730 [Check Our Catalog](#)

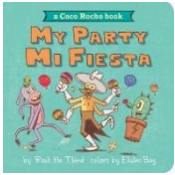
In this colorful bilingual Spanish and English board book highlighting the joys of napping from *New York*

***Times* bestselling, Pura Belpré Award-winning author-illustrator Raúl the Third, Coco Rocho shows us everywhere to take a siesta in the World of Vamos!**

In my bed. En mi cama.

Near my dog. Cerca de mi perro.

With my stuffed animals. Con mi [...More](#)



My Party, Mi Fiesta: A Coco Rocho Book

By [Raúl the Third](#)

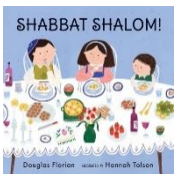
2022-04 - Versify

9780358394723 [Check Our Catalog](#) SPA

In this festive bilingual Spanish and English board book from *New York Times* bestselling, Pura Belpré Award-winning author-illustrator Raúl the Third, join Coco Rocho and friends from the World of Vamos! as they gather everything to throw a grand fiesta!

Throwing a party is always fun, especially when it's in both English and Spanish!

In this new board [...More](#)



Shabbat Shalom!

By [Florian, Douglas](#)

Illustrator [Tolson, Hannah](#)

2021-07 - Candlewick Press (MA)

9781536204490 [Check Our Catalog](#)

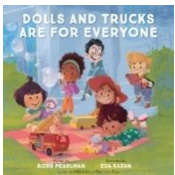
A family enjoys their weekly Sabbath dinner in a board book full of warm illustrations and a simple narration sure to appeal to young children.

Shabbat shalom

We hurry home.

Dressed in their best, a family lights the Shabbat candles. Then it's time to share a traditional meal with red wine and challah bread.

After dinner, singing joyful songs has everyone [...More](#)



Dolls and Trucks Are for Everyone

By [Pearlman, Robb](#)

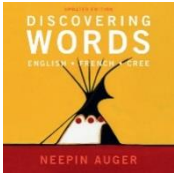
Illustrator [Kaban, Eda](#)

2022-05 - Running Press Kids

9780762478118 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the author and illustrator of *Pink Is for Boys* comes an empowering board book that teaches kids and adults alike that gender cannot define who you are or want to become.

Dolls and trucks are for boys and girls and everyone, as are fabric and wood, flutes and drums, hockey and figure skating, and many more. This is a fun, playful, and important board book for parents and [...More](#)



Discovering Words: English * French * Cree a Updated Edition

By [Auger, Neepin](#)

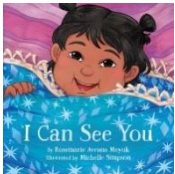
2019-10 - Rocky Mountain Books Incorporated

9781771603294 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This updated edition includes a few replacement words and new artwork, gently refreshing the content to help teach the basics of early language in English, French, and Cree.

Neepin Auger's books for children contain original, brightly coloured images and early education level concepts familiar to everyone.

Playful and bold, this dynamic series will educate and entertain [...More](#)



I Can See You

By [Meyok, Rosemarie](#)

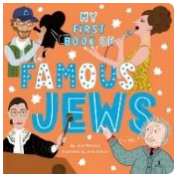
Illustrator [Simpson, Michelle](#)

2022-04 - Inhabit Media

9781772274202 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this adorable book to be shared with babies and toddlers, mothers explore their love for their babies as experienced through the five senses. From the sound of a baby's giggles to the smell of a *kunik*, this book celebrates the unique bonds shared between mothers and babies.

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My First Book of Famous Jews

By [Merberg, Julie](#)

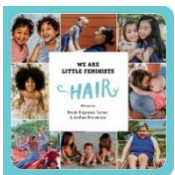
Illustrator [Wilson, Julie](#)

2022-01 - Downtown Bookworks

9781950587261 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From Einstein and the Marx Brothers to Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Barbra Streisand, this thoroughly engaging board book will give the youngest members of the tribe lots of reasons to be proud of their heritage.

Fun illustrations and entertaining, rhyming text provide an overview of some of the most influential, iconic Jews in recent history, providing context on how each made their mark. [...More](#)



We Are Little Feminists: Hair

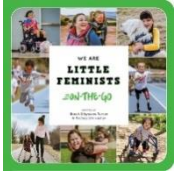
By [Turner, Brook Sitgraves](#)

Author [Shrivastav, Archaa](#)

2022-03 - Little Feminist Press

9781734182446 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Beautiful, full-color photos of real-life families showcase all the wonderful forms of hair (curly, straight, twists, locs, covered hair, body hair, even no hair) in this empowering and delightful board book. Each spread features simple, poetic text for building vocabulary and empathy. **This new edition includes discussion guide with age-appropriate questions for parents and educators.** [...More](#)



We Are Little Feminists: On-The-Go

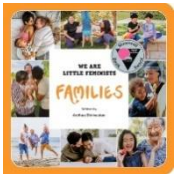
By [Turner, Brook Sitgraves](#)

Author [Shrivastav, Archaa](#)

2020-03 - Little Feminist Press

9781734182415 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Beautiful photos of kids with disabilities celebrate all types of movement and mobility aids (like wheelchairs, service dogs, and crutches), while poetic text builds both vocabulary and empathy. ON-THE-GO helps families and educators discuss ability and mobility at home and in the classroom. Created with 0-5-year-olds in mind. Part of the We Are Little Feminists series - the identity-affirming [...More](#)



We Are Little Feminists: Families

By [Shrivastav, Archaa](#)

2022-03 - Little Feminist Press

9781734182460 [Check Our Catalog](#)

2021 Stonewall Award Winner! The **first ever board book to win** an American Library Association medal - now includes discussion guide with age-appropriate questions for parents and educators.

Beautiful, full-color photos of real LGBTQ and ally families showcase all the wonderful forms of family, gender, and sexuality in this fun and award-winning board book. Each spread [...More](#)



Welcome to the Party Board Book

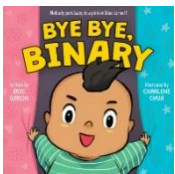
By [Union, Gabrielle](#)

Illustrator [Evans, Ashley](#)

2022-02 - HarperFestival

9780062978677 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Bye Bye Binary

By [Geron, Eric](#)

Illustrator [Chua, Charlene](#)

2022-05 - HarperFestival

9780063215146 [Check Our Catalog](#)

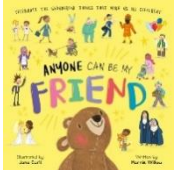
Fans of *Feminist Baby* by Loryn Brantz will love this board book about gender expression and being true to oneself.

Is it a boy? Or a girl?

"WHAT'S IT TO YA?!"

Our little bundle of joy has arrived--to dismantle gender norms!

A joyful baby refuses to conform to the gender binary and instead chooses toys, colors, and clothes that make [...More](#)



Anyone Can Be My Friend: Padded Board Book

By [Igloobooks](#)

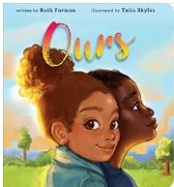
Illustrator [Curl, Jana](#)

2022-03 - Igloo Books

9781801087131 [Check Our Catalog](#)

On this giant spinning ball live eight billion people, all in all. A bear can be quite proud to call each and every one a friend.

Every single person in this world is special and different from everyone else. This sweet story about a bear looking for a friend is a celebration of our amazing diversity, and of all the things that make each of us unique. [...More](#)



Ours

By [Forman, Ruth](#)

Illustrator [Skyles, Talia](#)

2022-08 - Little Simon

9781665903059 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the bestselling author of *Curls*, *Glow*, and *Bloom* comes a board book that joyfully celebrates skin tone self-love with a mirror for little ones.

I love mine (mine)

she loves hers (hers)

he loves his (his)

I love theirs

Show young readers how to see themselves and others with confidence and love [...More](#)



This Little Wonder: A No Limits Primer

By [Holub, Joan](#)

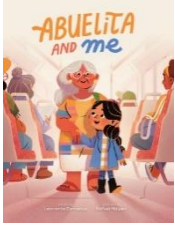
Illustrator [Roode, Daniel](#)

2022-08 - Little Simon

9781665912068 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Learn all about important leaders with disabilities in this engaging board book in the bestselling This Little series!

Now even the youngest readers can learn all about important people whose wonderful talents shine bright from the disability community. Highlighting ten memorable people who paved the way, parents and little ones alike will love this discovery primer full of fun, [...More](#)



Abuelita and Me

By [Carranza, Leonarda](#)

Illustrator [Mayani, Rafael](#)

2022-04 - Annick Press

9781773216102 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this poignant, empowering picture book debut, a girl and her beloved abuelita lean on each other as they contend with racism while running errands in the city.

Spending time at home with Abuelita means pancakes, puddle-jumping, and nail-painting. But venturing out into the city is not always as fun. On the bus and at the grocery store, people are impatient and [...More](#)



It's Time for Bed

By [Mearns, Ceporah](#)

Author [Debicki, Jeremy](#)

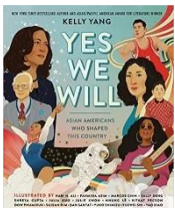
Illustrator [Mack, Tim](#)

2019-04 - Inhabit Media

9781772272277 [Check Our Catalog](#)

It's time for Siasi to go to bed, but she doesn't want to brush her teeth or put away her toys. It's so much more fun to play with all the animals of the Arctic Wouldn't everyone rather dance with polar bear, howl with the wolves, and swim with the fish instead of get ready for bed?

In this charming bedtime story, readers follow Siasi on a nighttime adventure as she comes up with [...More](#)



Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped Our Country

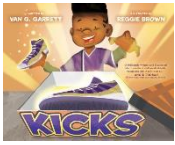
By [Yang, Kelly](#)

2022-05 - Dial Books

9780593463055 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From #1 NYT bestselling author Kelly Yang comes a gorgeously illustrated picture book about Asian American changemakers doing everything they dreamed of and inspiring all of us to reach for new heights!

From creating beautiful music like Yo-Yo Ma to flying to outer space like Franklin Chang-Díaz; from standing up to injustice like Fred Korematsu to becoming the first Asian [...More](#)



Kicks

By [Garrett, Van G.](#)

Illustrator [Brown, Reggie](#)

2022-04 - Versify

9780358118107 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"A brilliantly written and illustrated ode to sneakers and sneakerheads, young and old. A gift to us all." --Angie Thomas, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

A fun, lyrical debut picture book, *Kicks* is an essential read for sneaker fans of all ages, from award-winning poet Van G. Garrett and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator [...More](#)



47,000 Beads

By [Adeyoha, Koja](#)

Author [Adeyoha, Angel](#)

Illustrator [McGillis, Holly](#)

2017-09 - Flamingo Rampant

9780987976383 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Peyton loves to dance, and especially at Pow Wow, but her Auntie notices that she's been dancing less and less. When Peyton shares that she isn't comfortable wearing a dress anymore, Auntie Eyota asks some friends for help to get Peyton what she needs. [...More](#)



Dear Reader: A Girl's Library Love Letter to Her Future Self

By [Rose, Tiffany](#)

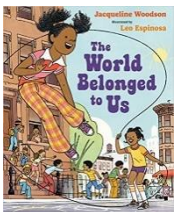
2022-02 - Little Bee Books

9781499812251 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"A rousing call to action for more racially diverse children's literature." -*Kirkus Reviews*, STARRED REVIEW

In this book a young girl pens a love letter to libraries and books, and powerfully expresses the need for diversity and the importance of representation in stories!

There was just this one thing, this nagging suspicion, that I didn't meet the criteria [...More](#)



The World Belonged to Us

By [Woodson, Jacqueline](#)

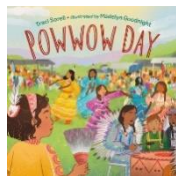
Illustrator [Espinosa, Leo](#)

2022-05 - Nancy Paulsen Books

9780399545498 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Two children's book superstars--#1 *New York Times* bestseller Jacqueline Woodson, the author of *The Day You Begin*, and Leo Espinosa, the illustrator of *Islandborn*--join forces to celebrate the joy and freedom of summer in the city, which is gloriously captured in their rhythmic text and lively art.

It's getting hot outside, hot enough to turn on the [...More](#)



Powwow Day

By [Sorell, Traci](#)

Illustrator [Goodnight, Madelyn](#)

2022-02 - Charlesbridge Publishing

9781580899482 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this uplifting, contemporary Native American story, River is recovering from illness and can't dance at the powwow this year. Will she ever dance again?

River wants so badly to dance at powwow day as she does every year. In this uplifting and contemporary picture book perfect for beginning readers, follow River's journey from feeling isolated after an illness to learning the healing [...More](#)



Making a Baby

By [Greener, Rachel](#)

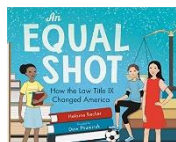
Illustrator [Owen, Clare](#)

2021-06 - Dial Books

9780593324851 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This inclusive guide to how every family begins is an honest, cheerful tool for conversations between parents and their young ones.

To make a baby you need one egg, one sperm, and one womb. But every family starts in its own special way. This book answers the Where did I come from? question no matter who the reader is and how their life began. From all different kinds of [...More](#)



An Equal Shot: How the Law Title IX Changed America

By [Becker, Helaine](#)

Illustrator [Phumiruk, Dow](#)

2021-02 - Henry Holt & Company

9781250241955 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The book we needed right now. --Betsy Bird, A Fuse #8 Production
Helaine Becker's *An Equal Shot* is a nonfiction picture book introduction to the history and importance of Title IX as civil rights legislature, featuring illustrations by Dow Phumiruk.

You've likely heard of the law Title IX. It protects the equal rights of students, athletes, and professionals in [...More](#)



My Must-Have Mom

By [Smith, Maudie](#)

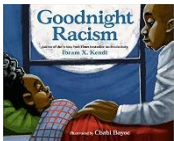
Illustrator [Khatun, Jen](#)

2022-03 - Lantana Publishing

9781913747718 [Check Our Catalog](#)

When Jake's mom upcycles every last thing in the apartment, Jake begins to worry that the only thing left to change is . . . him!

Jake's mom is not like most moms. Say there's a dumpster in the street, most moms will pass right by without a second glance. Not Jake's mom. "Look at this, Jake!" she'll shout. "We must have this! We must have this, too! And we simply [...More](#)



Goodnight Racism

By [Kendi, Ibram X.](#)

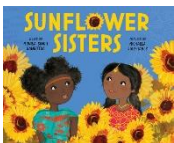
Illustrator [Bayoc, Chadi](#)

2022-06 - Kokila

9780593110515 [Check Our Catalog](#)

National Book Award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author Ibram X. Kendi (*How to Be an Antiracist*, *Antiracist Baby*) returns with a new picture book that serves as a modern bedtime classic.

As children all over the world get ready for bed, the moon watches over them. The moon knows that when we sleep, we dream. And when we dream, we imagine what is possible [...More](#)



Sunflower Sisters

By [Gangotra, Monika Singh](#)

Illustrator [Dias-Hayes, Michaela](#)

2022-06 - Sourcebooks Jabberwocky

9781728252315 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A heartwarming celebration of all skin shades, from sun-browned to autumn-leaf-gold!

Amitra and Kiki are best friends and sunflower sisters. Amitra's older sister is getting married, but when the elder relatives arrive, they start dispensing some old-fashioned and dubious advice. Luckily, Amitra's mother has a lesson or two to teach about that! With the support and [...More](#)



Bracelets for Bina's Brothers

By [Larocca, Rajani](#)

Illustrator [Prabhat, Chaaya](#)

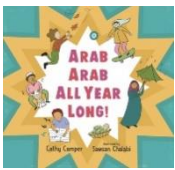
2021-04 - Charlesbridge Publishing

9781623541293 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Celebrate diversity, math, and the power of storytelling

For the Hindu holiday of Raksha Bandhan, Bina is determined to make beaded bracelets for her brothers all by herself. She finds out which colors her brothers like and dislike and sets to work. Working with her every-other-one beading pattern causes Bina to discover something new about patterns--and her brothers.

Storytelling [...More](#)



Arab Arab All Year Long!

By [Camper, Cathy](#)

Illustrator [Chalabi, Sawsan](#)

2022-06 - Candlewick Press (MA)

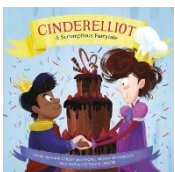
9781536213959 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Celebrate the beauty and diversity of life in the Arab diaspora throughout the year.

Wrapping grape leaves, playing doumbek, drawing henna tattoos,

we're Arab, Arab, Arab, the whole year through!

Yallah! From January to December, join some busy kids as they partake in traditions old and new. There's so much to do, whether it's learning to write Arabic or looking [...More](#)



Cinderelliot: A Scrumptious Fairytale

By [Ceilley, Mark](#)

Author [Smoka-Richardson, Rachel](#)

Illustrator [Laberis, Stephanie](#)

2022-05 - Running Press Kids

9780762499595 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A gay retelling of the classic fairy tale--a scrumptious love story featuring ungrateful stepsiblings, a bake-off, and a fairy godfather.

Cinderelliot is stuck at home taking care of his ungrateful stepsister and stepbrother. When Prince Samuel announces a kingdom-wide competition to join the royal staff as his baker, the stepsiblings insist that Cinderelliot bake their entries, leaving [...More](#)



Together We Ride

By [Bolling, Valerie](#)

Author [Bolling, Valerie](#)

2022-04 - Chronicle Books

9781797212487 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Hair Love meets bike rides in this loving portrait of a father-daughter relationship.

Learning to ride is no easy feat! But with a little courage, a guiding hand from her dad, and an enthusiastic bark from her pup, one brave girl quickly learns the freedom that comes from an afternoon spent outside on a bike.

Experience the fear, the anticipation, and the delight of achieving [...More](#)



The Magic Shell

By [Christmas, Jillian](#)

Illustrator [G. a. Mungaray, Diana](#)

2022-03 - Flamingo Rampant

9781999156244 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Have you ever wanted to understand where your family comes from and how you got this way? When Pigeon Pea has a million questions about their family, Auntie gives them the magic key to go back in time and across continents to meet, celebrate, and feast with their ancestors and orisha. [...More](#)



Music Is a Rainbow

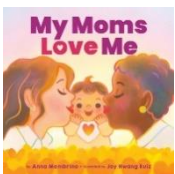
By [Collier, Bryan](#)

2022-06 - Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

9780316537421 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The music turned into color and light and filled the room.

A young boy remembers quietly watching his father read the paper and sip a cup of coffee. He remembers his sweet momma, who lovingly pressed away the wrinkles on his clothes. Then one day, his father is gone and his momma falls ill. But through his love of music he feels his father's warm hugs and his mother's kisses. He [...More](#)



My Moms Love Me

By [Membrino, Anna](#)

Illustrator [Hwang Ruiz, Joy](#)

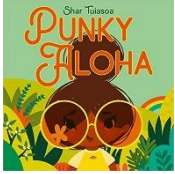
2022-03 - Orchard Books

9781338811964 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Cuddle up and celebrate love in this picture book that shines a spotlight on LGBTQ+ moms!

*"A hug from Mommy, warm and tight.
A squeeze from Mama feels just right.
This is how my mommies say,
'We love you, baby, night and day!'"*

Two mommies share a perfect day with their little one in this joyful picture book! From visiting animals on a farm [...More](#)



Punky Aloha

By [Tuiasoa, Shar](#)

Illustrator [Tuiasoa, Shar](#)

2022-05 - HarperCollins

9780063079236 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Meet Punky Aloha: a girl who uses the power of saying aloha to experience exciting and unexpected adventures!

Punky loves to do a lot of things--except meeting new friends. She doesn't feel brave enough.

So when her grandmother asks her to go out and grab butter for her famous banana bread, Punky hesitates. But with the help of her grandmother's magical sunglasses, [...More](#)



Black Girl Rising

By [Barnes, Brynne](#)

Illustrator [Fazlalizadeh, Tatyana](#)

2022-06 - Chronicle Books

9781452164878 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This enduring anthem for Black girls celebrates their power, potential, and brilliance--for themselves and for the world.

You are a thousand curls

unfurling in your hair.

You are a thousand fists

standing proudly in air.

You are the song of swallows,

lifting sun as they sing--

breaking light with their beaks,

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I Want to Be a Vase

By [Torres, Julio](#)

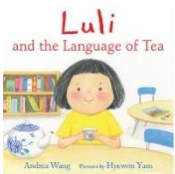
Illustrator [Glander, Julian](#)

2022-06 - Atheneum Books for Young Readers

9781534493902 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Former SNL writer and comedic rising star Julio Torres takes readers on a journey through the lives and intimate dramas of some of the unsung shapes of our time in this picture book inspired by his HBO special *My Favorite Shapes*.

Shapes. You've heard of them. You might have even interacted with a few. But do you really *know* them? From plucky Plunger, who wishes to defy his [...More](#)



Luli and the Language of Tea

By [Wang, Andrea](#)

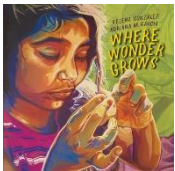
Illustrator [Yum, Hyewon](#)

2022-05 - Neal Porter Books

9780823446148 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Though they may speak different languages, kids from all over the world come together to enjoy the shared pastime of tea in this delicious book for young readers.

When five-year-old Luli joins her new English as a Second Language class, the playroom is quiet. Luli can't speak English, neither can anyone else. That's when she has a brilliant idea to host a tea party [...More](#)



Where Wonder Grows

By [González, Xelena](#)

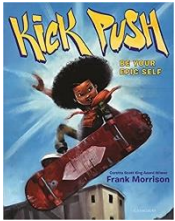
Illustrator [Garcia, Adriana M.](#)

2022-01 - Cinco Puntos Press

9781947627468 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the creators of the award-winning picture book *All Around Us* comes another lyrical intergenerational story exploring our connections to nature, family, and traditions.

When Grandma walks to her special garden, her granddaughters know to follow her there. Grandma invites the girls to explore her collection of treasures--magical rocks, crystals, seashells, and [...More](#)



Kick Push

By [Morrison, Frank](#)

Illustrator [Morrison, Frank](#)

2022-04 - Bloomsbury Publishing PLC

9781547605927 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Award-winning picture book creator Frank Morrison makes his author/illustrator debut in an exuberant story about being yourself.

Epic has tricks you won't believe. He's the kick flipping, big rail king. When his family moves to a new neighborhood, he can't wait to hit the street with his skateboard. But his old moves don't feel fresh without a crew to see 'em. Epic thinks about [...More](#)

H Is for Harlem

By [Johnson, Dinah](#)

Illustrator [Harrison, April](#)

2022-07 - Christy Ottaviano Books-Little Brown and Hach

9780316322379 [Check Our Catalog](#)

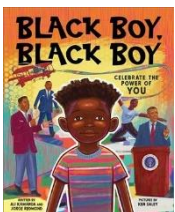
This richly informative and gorgeously illustrated book celebrates Harlem's vibrant traditions, past and present.

A is for Apollo Theatre

L is for Liberation Bookstore

U is for Uptown

Discover the Harlem icons that have defined generations of American culture. Harlem is full of remarkable treasures, including museums, performance spaces, community [...More](#)



Black Boy, Black Boy

By [Kamanda, Ali](#)

Author [Redmond, Jorge](#)

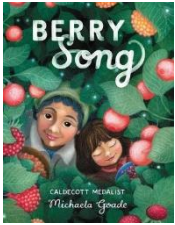
Illustrator [Daley, Ken](#)

2022-08 - Sourcebooks Explore

9781728250649 [Check Our Catalog](#)

An inspiring and powerful anthem for Black boys and an ode to remarkable moments in Black history!

From athlete and activist Colin Kaepernick to musician Fela Kuti, explorer Matthew Henson and writer Chinua Achebe, there are so many inspirational men in Black history. This lyrical, rhythmic texts encourages boys to imagine everything they can be and the great things they [...More](#)



Berry Song

By [Goade, Michaela](#)

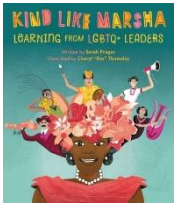
2022-07 - Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

9780316494175 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Caldecott Medalist Michaela Goade's first self-authored picture book is a gorgeous celebration of the land she knows well and the powerful wisdom of elders.

On an island at the edge of a wide, wild sea, a girl and her grandmother gather gifts from the earth. Salmon from the stream, herring eggs from the ocean, and in the forest, a world of berries.

Salmonberry, Cloudberry, [...More](#)



Kind Like Marsha: Learning from LGBTQ+ Leaders

By [Prager, Sarah](#)

Illustrator [Thuesday, Cheryl](#)

2022-08 - Running Press Kids

9780762475001 [Check Our Catalog](#)

For fans of *Little Leaders* and *Pride* comes a nonfiction picture book celebrating 14 incredible LGBTQ+ change makers and forward thinkers throughout history.

Kind Like Marsha celebrates 14 amazing and inspirational LGBTQ+ people throughout history. Fan favorites like Harvey Milk, Sylvia Rivera, and Audre Lorde are joined by the likes of Leonardo da Vinci, Frida [...More](#)



Isla to Island

By [Castellanos, Alexis](#)

Illustrator [Castellanos, Alexis](#)

2022-03 - Atheneum Books for Young Readers

9781534469242 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This stunning wordless graphic novel follows a young girl in the 1960s who immigrates from Cuba to the United States and must redefine what home means to her.

Marisol loves her colorful island home. Cuba is vibrant with flowers and food and people...but things are changing. The home Marisol loves is no longer safe--and then it's no longer her home at all. Her parents are sending her to [...More](#)



The Rez Detectives: Justice Served Cold

By [Judd, Steven Paul](#)

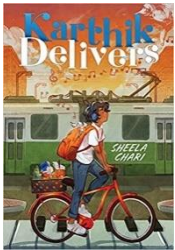
Author [Jacob, Tvli](#)

Illustrator [Perker, M. K.](#)

2021-12 - Literati Press Comics and Novels

9781943988334 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This summer, Tasembo just wants to chill. But that's not an option when it's a scorching day on the Reservation and the Ice Cream Man is a no-show. In an attempt to impress his crush by solving the mystery, Tasembo joins forces with his neighbor, Nuseka, and his dog, Billy Jack, to take on their first case as the Rez Dog Detectives. With twists around every corner, this [...More](#)



Karthik Delivers

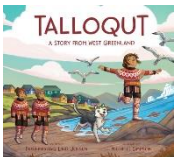
By [Chari, Sheela](#)

2022-04 - Amulet Books

9781419755224 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the award-winning author of *Finding Mighty*, a moving middle-grade novel about finding your place by following your heart

Karthik Raghavan is good at remembering things. Like his bike routes. Or all the reasons he likes Juhi Shah--even if she doesn't even know he exists. It doesn't help that she seems to have a crush on his arch nemesis, Jacob Donnell, whose only job is to [...More](#)



Talloqut: A Story from West Greenland: English Edition

By [Lind Jensen, Paninnguaq](#)

Illustrator [Simpson, Michelle](#)

2022-06 - Inhabit Education Books Inc.

9781774504680 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Anaana, why do you have these lines on your chin?"

Arnaaleq wants to be just like her anaana, but she has a lot to learn before taking on the traditional responsibilities of a woman. Follow Arnaaleq as she grows up and works hard to master the skills to earn her own talloqut. Learn about West Greenlandic traditions in this story by tattoo artist Paninnguaq Lind Jensen.

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Rabbit Chase

By [Lapensee, Elizabeth](#)

Illustrator [Oster, Kc](#)

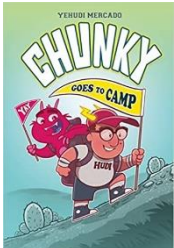
Translator [Dokum, Aarin](#)

2022-04 - Annick Press

9781773216201 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Anishinaabe culture and storytelling meet *Alice in Wonderland* in this coming-of-age graphic novel that explores Indigenous and gender issues through a fresh yet familiar looking glass.

Aimee, a non-binary Anishinaabe middle-schooler, is on a class trip to offer gifts to Paayehnsag, the water spirits known to protect the land. While stories are told about the water spirits [...More](#)



Chunky Goes to Camp

By [Mercado, Yehudi](#)

Illustrator [Mercado, Yehudi](#)

2022-06 - Katherine Tegen Books

9780062972828 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In Yehudi Mercado's full-color middle grade graphic memoir sequel to *Chunky*, Hudi and his imaginary friend, Chunky, head to Jewish summer camp, where the dynamic duo meet a new friend who can see Chunky, too, and get mixed up in a prank war. This series is perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Jerry Craft.

Hudi finally embraced his love of art and comedy, but [...More](#)



Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

By [Keller, Tae](#)

2022-04 - Random House Books for Young Readers

9780593310526 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In her first novel since winning the Newbery Medal for *When You Trap a Tiger*, Tae Keller offers a gripping and emotional story about a girl who is alienated by her friends . . . for believing in aliens.

Sometimes middle school can make you feel like you're totally alone in the universe...but what if we aren't alone at all?

Thanks to her best [...More](#)



Tumble

By [Perez, Celia C.](#)

2022-08 - Kokila

9780593325179 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the award-winning author of *The First Rule of Punk*, a dazzling novel about a young girl who collects the missing pieces of her origin story from the family of legendary luchadores she's never met.

Twelve-year-old Adela "Addie" Ramirez has a big decision to make when her stepfather proposes adoption. Addie loves Alex, the only father figure she's ever known, but [...More](#)



Swim Team

By [Christmas, Johnnie](#)

Illustrator [Christmas, Johnnie](#)

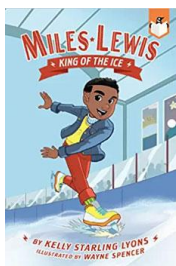
2022-05 - Harperalley

9780063056770 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Combines wonderful characters and history to create a story that will make you want to dive right in!" JERRY CRAFT, author of the Newbery Medal-winning New Kid

A splashy, contemporary middle grade graphic novel from bestselling comics creator Johnnie Christmas!

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brigitha, home to the Mighty [...More](#)



King of the Ice

By [Lyons, Kelly Starling](#)

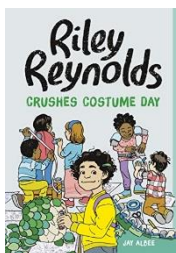
Illustrator [Spencer, Wayne](#)

2022-07 - Penguin Workshop

9780593383490 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the award-winning author of the Jada Jones chapter books comes an illustrated spinoff series all about fourth grader Miles Lewis.

Miles Lewis loves science and sports. But when his teacher announces a class field trip to an ice skating rink to learn about physics, he isn't so excited. He's never ice skated before, and his friend RJ won't let him forget it. RJ even challenges him [...More](#)



Riley Reynolds Crushes Costume Day

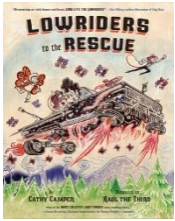
By [Albee, Jay](#)

Illustrator [Albee, Jay](#)

2022-08 - Stone Arch Books

9781666344080 [Check Our Catalog](#)

It's book week at school, and nonbinary fourth grader Riley and their best friends craft hard for the Dress Like Your Favorite Character Day. Colorful fabric! Paint! Glitter! They are ready to make the biggest and best group costume ever! But most of the other kids are having trouble coming up with costumes. Riley is ready to use their creativity and vision to help as many kids as possible so [...More](#)



Lowriders to the Rescue

By [Camper, Cathy](#)

Illustrator [The Third, Raúl](#)

2022-05 - Chronicle Books

9781452179490 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The next books in the acclaimed *Lowriders* series combines comics, Spanish, mixing cultures, science, superheroes, and first loves for an out-of-this-world graphic novel experience.

A changing planet means new problems--and new friends--for nuestros amigos favoritos!

Meet Lupe, a whip-smart impala with a flair for mechanics

Flapjack, a sweet young octopus who can [...More](#)

Cocinando on Cook Street: A Collection of Mi Familia's Recipes

By [Valladolid, Marcela](#)

Illustrator [Moreno, Eliza](#)

2022-04 - Lil' Libros

9781948066198 [Check Our Catalog](#) SPA

Introduce your children to the meaning of family and how our greatest legacy lives on in the recipes we carry with us - both in English and Spanish!

Family is where the heart is, and the heart is our kitchen.

Inspired by her own Mexican ancestry and culture, chef Marcela Valladolid's children's cookbook leads readers through the magic and legacy of her family recipes. [...More](#)



Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun, 1

By [Khan, Hena](#)

Illustrator [Haikal, Wastana](#)

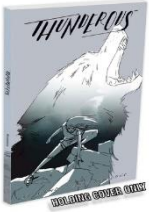
2022-04 - Salaam Reads / Simon & Schuster Books for You

9781534497597 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the beloved author of *Amina's Voice* comes the first book in a humor-filled middle grade series starring a young Muslim girl with an endless list of hobbies who searches for ways to maximize fun for her family and neighborhood friends.

Meet Zara Saleem, the queen of the neighborhood.

Zara's in charge of it all: she organizes the games, picks the teams, and makes sure [...More](#)



Thunderous

By [Smoker, M. L.](#)

Author [Peeterse, Natalie](#)

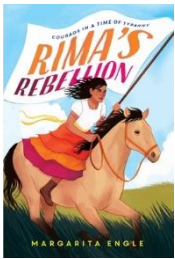
2022-04 - Dynamite Entertainment

9781948206464 [Check Our Catalog](#)

If Aiyana hears one more traditional Lakota story, she'll scream!

More interested in her social media presence than her Native American heritage, Aiyana is shocked when she suddenly finds herself in a magical world-with no cell coverage!

Pursued by the trickster Raven, Aiyana struggles to get back home, but is helped by friends and allies she meets along the way. Her dangerous journey through [...More](#)



Rima's Rebellion: Courage in a Time of Tyranny

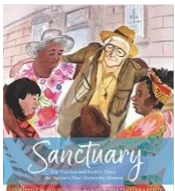
By [Engle, Margarita](#)

2022-02 - Atheneum Books for Young Readers

9781534486935 [Check Our Catalog](#)

An inspiring coming-of-age story from award-winning author Margarita Engle about a girl falling in love for the first time while finding the courage to protest for women's right to vote in 1920s Cuba.

Rima loves to ride horses alongside her abuela and Las Mambisas, the fierce women veterans who fought during Cuba's wars for independence. Feminists from many backgrounds have gathered in [...More](#)



Sanctuary: Kip Tiernan and Rosie's Place, the Nation's First Shelter for Women

By [McDonnell, Christine](#)

Illustrator [Tentler-Krylov, Victoria](#)

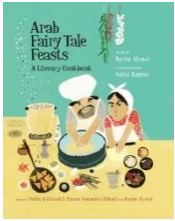
2022-03 - Candlewick Press (MA)

9781536211290 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Before Kip Tiernan came along, the US had no shelters for women. Here is the inspirational story of a singular woman and what her vision and compassion have brought to life.

"Justice is not three hots and a cot. Justice is having your own key." --Kip Tiernan

When Kip Tiernan was growing up during the Great Depression, she'd help her granny feed the men who came to [...More](#)



Arab Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook

By [Kazemi, Nahid](#)

Illustrator [Kazemi, Nahid](#)

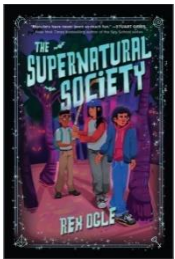
2021-09 - Crocodile Books

9781623719081 [Check Our Catalog](#)

An entertaining, multifaceted, and delicious way to explore Arab culture

Arab Fairy Tale Feasts is the latest title in the highly-praised Fairy Tale Feasts Collection, a creative series that folds enchanting folk tales into cookbooks of kid-friendly recipes.

Award-winning writer and storyteller, Karim Alrawi, draws on his deep knowledge of Arab culture to create [...More](#)



The Supernatural Society

By [Ogle, Rex](#)

2022-02 - Inkyard Press

9781335424877 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Monsters have never been so much fun." -Stuart Gibbs, *New York Times* bestselling author of the Spy School series

"Frightening and fun!" -Neil Patrick Harris, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Magic Misfits*

Readers will be scared silly in this spooky and hilarious middle grade series starter about a town chock-full of [...More](#)



New from Here

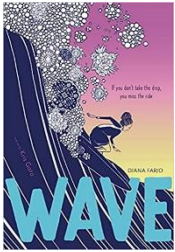
By [Yang, Kelly](#)

2022-03 - Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

9781534488304 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Front Desk* comes a poignant middle grade novel about courage, hope, and resilience as an Asian American boy fights to keep his family together and stand up to racism during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.

When the coronavirus hits Hong Kong, ten-year-old Knox Wei-Evans's mom makes the [...More](#)



Wave

By [Farid, Diana](#)

Illustrator [Goto, Kris](#)

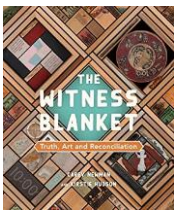
2022-03 - Harry N. Abrams

9781951836580 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A coming-of-age novel in verse set in 1980s Southern California, about a Persian American girl who rides the waves, falls, and finds her way back to the shore

Thirteen-year-old Ava loves to surf and to sing. Singing and reading Rumi poems settle her mild OCD, and catching waves with her best friend, Phoenix, lets her fit in--her olive skin looks tan, not foreign.

But then Ava has to [...More](#)



The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation

By [Newman, Carey](#)

Author [Hudson, Kirstie](#)

2022-04 - Orca Book Publishers

9781459836129 [Check Our Catalog](#)

For more than 150 years, thousands of Indigenous children were taken from their families and sent to residential schools across Canada.

Artist Carey Newman created the Witness Blanket to make sure that history is never forgotten. The Blanket is a living work of art--a collection of hundreds of objects from those schools. It includes everything from photos, bricks, hockey [...More](#)



Gigi and Ojiji

By [Iwai, Melissa](#)

Illustrator [Iwai, Melissa](#)

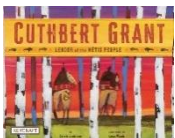
2022-05 - HarperCollins

9780063208056 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Gigi crafts her Japanese American identity in this -enchanting early reader. The cuteness, inclusivity, and cross-cultural problem-solving represented will have young -readers coming back again and again. A must-buy. --School Library

Journal (starred review)

Gigi, a biracial six-year-old girl, learns about her Japanese culture from her grandfather when he [...More](#)



Cuthbert Grant

By [Lindstrom, Carole](#)

Illustrator [Woods, Linus](#)

2020-10 - Reycraft Books
9781478868668 [Check Our Catalog](#)
[...More](#)



Love in the Library

By [Tokuda-Hall, Maggie](#)

Illustrator [Imamura, Yas](#)

2022-02 - Candlewick Press (MA)
9781536204308 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Set in an incarceration camp where the United States cruelly detained Japanese Americans during WWII and based on true events, this moving love story finds hope in heartbreak.

To fall in love is already a gift. But to fall in love in a place like Minidoka, a place built to make people feel like they weren't human--that was miraculous.



Barakah Beats

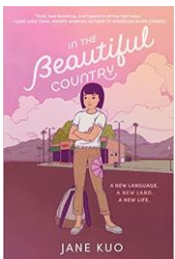
By [Siddiqui, Maleeha](#)

2021-10 - Scholastic Press
9781338702064 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Julie and the Phantoms meets Amina's Voice! This is a sweet, powerful, and joyous novel about a Muslim girl who finds her voice on her own terms... by joining her school's most popular band.

This book is perfect for fans of *The First Rule of Punk* and *Save Me a Seat*.

Twelve-year-old Nimra Sharif has spent her whole life in Islamic school, but now [...More](#)



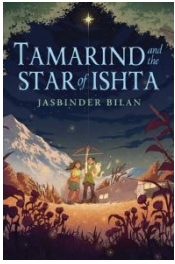
In the Beautiful Country

By [Kuo, Jane](#)

2022-06 - Quill Tree Books
9780063118980 [Check Our Catalog](#)

For fans of Jasmine Warga and Thanhhh❖ Lại, this is a stunning novel in verse about a young Taiwanese immigrant to America who is confronted by the stark difference between dreams and reality.

Anna can't wait to move to the *beautiful country*--the Chinese name for America. Although she's only ever known life in Taiwan, she can't help but brag about the move [...More](#)



Tamarind and the Star of Ishta

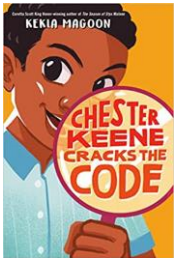
By [Bilan, Jasbinder](#)

2022-06 - Chicken House

9781338769432 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A powerful story of loss and identity, home and family, *Tamarind and the Star of Ishta* weaves a family mystery together with adventure and wonder from Costa Award-winning author, Jasbinder Bilan.

Tamarind has never met her Indian mother, Chinty, who died shortly after she was born. But when her father remarries, Tamarind is sent to India to stay with the family she has never [...More](#)



Chester Keene Cracks the Code

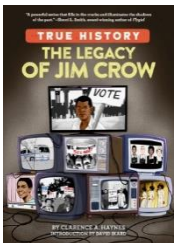
By [Magoon, Kekla](#)

2022-07 - Wendy Lamb Books

9781524715991 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Cracking the code isn't all it's cracked up to be in this scavenger hunt adventure from a Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author.

Chester Keene takes great comfort in his routines. Afterschool Monday to Thursday is bowling, and Friday, the best of days, is laser tag! But besides Friday laser tag, Chester has one other very special thing--he gets secret spy messages from his dad, who [...More](#)



The Legacy of Jim Crow

By [Haynes, Clarence A.](#)

Created by [Sabin, Jennifer](#)

Introduction by [Ikard, David](#)

2022-02 - Penguin Workshop

9780593385999 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"A powerful series that fills in the cracks and illuminates the shadows of the past." -Sherri L. Smith, award-winning author of *Flygirl*

Introducing a new nonfiction series for the next generation of activists, uncovering the hidden history of the United States through an anti-racist lens.

The true story of the discriminatory laws and ideas that affected [...More](#)