



Inclusive Literature Lists

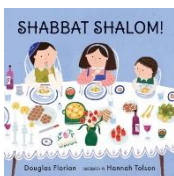
The Billings Public Library supports and values and celebrates diversity and inclusion. We strive to curate a collection of resources that represents all demographics in our community's tapestry. We believe an inclusive and welcoming community is a stronger community.

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.

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Jewish Voices and Experiences Inclusive Literature List: November 2022



Shabbat Shalom!

By [*Florian, Douglas*](#)

Illustrator [*Tolson, Hannah*](#)

2021-07 - Candlewick Press (MA)

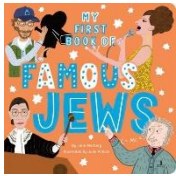
9781536204490 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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](#)



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](#)



Mazal Bueno!

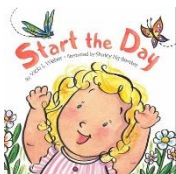
By [Aroeste, Sarah](#)

Illustrator [Morley, Taia](#)

- Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781728445588 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Start the Day

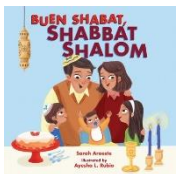
By [Weber, Vicki L.](#)

Illustrator [Ng-Benitez, Shirley](#)

2022-06 - Apples & Honey Press

9781681155777 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Meet joyful babies and toddlers in daily life; introduces the concept of Boker Tov--Good Morning! [...More](#)



Buen Shabat, Shabbat Shalom

By [Aroeste, Sarah](#)

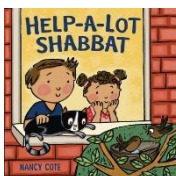
Illustrator [Rubio, Ayesha L.](#)

2020-03 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781541542464 [Check Our Catalog](#)

With a Ladino word introduced on each page, a Sephardic Jewish family prepares to celebrate Shabbat.

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Help-A-Lot Shabbat

By [Cote, Nancy](#)

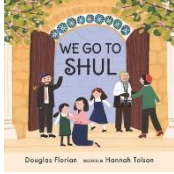
Illustrator [Cote, Nancy](#)

2022-09 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781728438993 [Check Our Catalog](#)

There's so much to do before Shabbat starts!

It's time to get ready for Shabbat and this brother-sister team are more than eager to help. Once the sun starts to set and the Shabbat chores are finished, it's time to set the table. The fresh challah begs to be nibbled and--oops--there goes the wine. All two-legged and four-legged friends are welcome for Shabbat dinner. As [...More](#)



We Go to Shul

By [Florian, Douglas](#)

Illustrator [Tolson, Hannah](#)

2021-07 - Candlewick Press (MA)

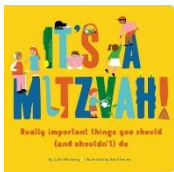
9781536204506 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A family heads to synagogue together in a charming board book for little listeners with a rhyming text and child-friendly illustrations.

A day of rest with which we're blessed.

We all get dressed.

It's Saturday, and one family is setting out to walk together to shul. Inside the synagogue, they all say hello to their friends and the rabbi, then listen and [...More](#)



It's a Mitzvah!

By [Merberg, Julie](#)

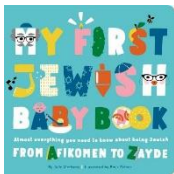
Illustrator [Feiner, Beck](#)

2019-09 - Downtown Bookworks

9781950587001 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This fun first taste of preschooler-friendly mitzvot is a very basic introduction to Jewish principles and to good behavior.

Clever, humorous illustrations accompany rhyming text about important Jewish do's and don'ts. From respecting parents and grandparents and feeding the hungry to telling the truth and repairing the world ("tikkun olam"), each page highlights a different mitzvah in [...More](#)



My First Jewish Baby Book: An ABC of Jewish Holidays, Food, Rituals and Other Fun Stuff

By [Katz, Julie](#)

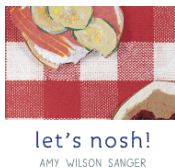
Illustrator [Feiner, Beck](#)

2018-11 - Downtown Bookworks

9781941367605 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This irresistible board book gives little ones (ages 0-3) an alphabetical introduction to Judaism--the delicious foods, meaningful rituals, lively holidays, expressive language, and more.

Hip illustrations accompany snappy, rhyming text in a fun, fabulous package that is a must-have for any Jewish baby's nursery. This tiny tome covers quintessential foods such as bagels and brisket, [...More](#)



Let's Nosh!

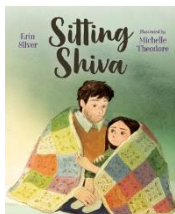
By [Sanger, Amy Wilson](#)

Illustrator [Wilson Sanger, Amy](#)

2002-07 - Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

9781582460819 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The third book in our World Snacks series will satisfy hungry minds with its introduction to the comfiest of Jewish foods. Pages burst with bagels, knishes, tsimmes, and latkes-and lots and lots of matzoh. There's even . . . a scoop of noodle kugel in my fancy-schmancy bowl next to fruit-filled hamentaschen and some nutty rugelach rolls. Filled with tasty mixed media and cut-paper collages, LET'S [...More](#)



Sitting Shiva

By [Silver, Erin](#)

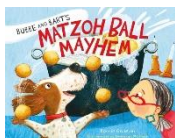
Illustrator [Theodore, Michelle](#)

2022-05 - Orca Book Publishers

9781459827721 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A little girl grieves the loss of her mother, but she can't grieve alone.

When her friends and family arrive at her house to sit shiva, laden with cakes and stories, she refuses to come downstairs. But the laughter and memories gradually bring her into the fold, where she is comforted by her community. By the end of the book, she feels stronger and more nourished, and [...More](#)



Bubbe & Bart's Matzoh Ball Mayhem

By [Grubman, Bonnie](#)

Illustrator [Melmon, Deborah](#)

2021-11 - Intergalactic Afikoman

9781951365080 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Getting ready for Shabbat is always a bit zany, but... flying matzoh balls?!?!?! Bubbe and her best buddy, Bart, make the perfect matzoh\-ball\-chasing team in this hilarious Jewish counting book! [...More](#)



Tía Fortuna's New Home: A Jewish Cuban Journey

By [Behar, Ruth](#)

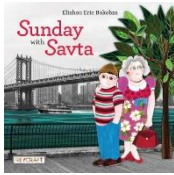
Illustrator [Holzwarth, Devon](#)

2022-01 - Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers

9780593172414 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A poignant multicultural ode to family and what it means to create a home as one girl helps her Tía move away from her beloved Miami apartment.

When Estrella's Tía Fortuna has to say goodbye to her longtime Miami apartment building, The Seaway, to move to an assisted living community, Estrella spends the day with her. Tía explains the significance of her most important [...More](#)



Sunday with Savta

By [Blevins, Wiley](#)

Illustrator [Bokobza, Elihaou Eric](#)

2021-11 - Reycraft Books

9781478870500 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Dear Mr. Dickens

By [Churnin, Nancy](#)

Illustrator [Stancliffe, Bethany](#)

2021-10 - Albert Whitman & Company

9780807515303 [Check Our Catalog](#)

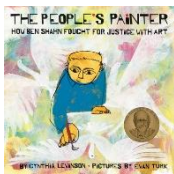
2021 National Jewish Book Award Winner - Children's Picture Book

2022 Sydney Taylor Book Award Honor for Picture Books

Chicago Public Library Best Informational Books for Younger Readers 2021

The Best Jewish Children's Books of 2021, *Tablet Magazine*

A Junior Library [...More](#)



The People's Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice with Art

By [Levinson, Cynthia](#)

Illustrator [Turk, Evan](#)

2021-04 - Abrams Books for Young Readers

9781419741302 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Awards:

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (2021)

A lyrically told, exquisitely illustrated biography of influential Jewish artist and activist Ben Shahn

A 2022 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal Winner

A 2022 Association of Jewish Libraries Sydney Taylor Book Award Notable Picture Book

"The first thing I can remember," Ben said, "I drew."

As an observant child growing up in Lithuania, Ben [...More](#)



Rena Glickman, Queen of Judo

By [Catarevas, Eve Nadel](#)

Illustrator [Peluso, Martina](#)

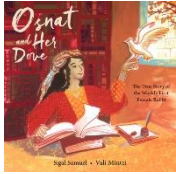
2022-05 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781728427973 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Rena Glickman, known professionally as Rusty Kanokogi, was a Jewish girl who grew up to become the preeminent female judo master of her time, overcoming many odds.

At a time when judo was a sport strictly for boys and men, Rusty was determined to practice the sport she loved.

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Osnat and Her Dove: The True Story of the World's First Female Rabbi

By [Samuel, Sigal](#)

Illustrator [Mintzi, Vali](#)

2021-02 - Levine Querido

9781646140374 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A Junior Library Guild Selection

Canadian Jewish Literary Award Winner

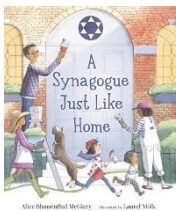
National Jewish Book Award Finalist

Evanston Public Library's 101 Great Books for Kids

School Library Journal Best of the Year

Tablet Best of the Year

★ A vibrant life story, with imagined conversations and brilliant illustrations, that will find a [...More](#)



A Synagogue Just Like Home

By [McGinty, Alice Blumenthal](#)

Illustrator [Molk, Laurel](#)

2022-08 - Candlewick Press (MA)

9781536210866 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A new rabbi's efforts to fix up his aging synagogue are a labor of love--and a comedy of errors--until his congregants fondly pool their talents in this lighthearted celebration of community.

Rabbi Ruben loves his synagogue. But he doesn't love the creaking floorboards, leaking sink, or drafty windows. Surely, he thinks, he can fix it up so it feels cared for, like a happy home! But [...More](#)



Bar Mitzvah Boys

By [Uhlberg, Myron](#)

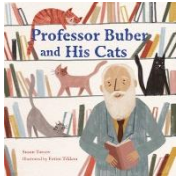
Illustrator [Arcabascio, Carolyn](#)

2019-10 - Albert Whitman & Company

9780807505700 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Grandpa was never bar mitzvahed; it was wartime, and life was difficult. It's been a regret his whole life. Many years later, it's his grandson's time to go through the Jewish ritual of coming of age. The father suggests that they be bar mitzvahed together. They study together, recite together, and celebrate together.

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Professor Buber and His Cats

By [Tarcov, Susan](#)

Illustrator [Tikkou, Fotini](#)

2022-09 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781728439037 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Nine is just the right number

Ketem the cat is looking for a new home. Professor Buber's house looks like a good place to live, but the local cats tell Ketem the famous writer doesn't want any pets. He once let his cat distract him when a man came to him for advice, say the cats. Since then, no more cats, they say. But Ketem has a plan to make Professor Buber's house his [...More](#)



Bubbie & Rivka's Best-Ever Challah (So Far!)

By [Reul, Sarah Lynne](#)

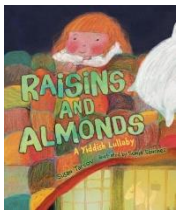
2022-09 - Abrams Books for Young Readers

9781419758980 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Practice makes progress in this multigenerational story about family traditions and the pursuit of the perfect challah

Bubbie and Rivka are not the best bakers . . . yet. But they are starting a new tradition. Every Friday they will bake a challah together!

Week after week, Bubbie and Rivka pull a challah out of the oven that's not quite right. Once, it's a little lumpy. Another [...More](#)



Raisins and Almonds: A Yiddish Lullaby

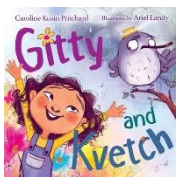
By [Tarcov, Susan](#)

Illustrator [Sánchez, Sonia](#)

2019-04 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781541521629 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Scribble-scrabble. Scribble-scrabble. What is the noise coming from under Annie's bed? It's a little white goat, says her mother. Together mother and child create a fantastical adventure in an imaginary world. Based on the much-loved Yiddish lullaby *Rozhinkes Mit Mandlen* (Raisins and Almonds), this book includes a QR code link to a video recording of the song in Yiddish and English, as [...More](#)



Gitty and Kvetch

By [Pritchard, Caroline Kusin](#)

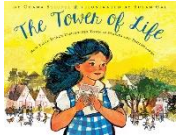
Illustrator [Landy, Ariel](#)

2021-09 - Atheneum Books for Young Readers

9781534478268 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this hilariously sweet story about an opposites-attract friendship, chock-full of Yiddish humor, a girl and her best bird friend's perfect day turns into a perfect opportunity to see things differently.

Gitty and her feathered-friend Kvetch couldn't be more different: Gitty always sees the bright side of life, while her curmudgeonly friend Kvetch is always complaining and, well, [...More](#)



The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs

By [Stiefel, Chana](#)

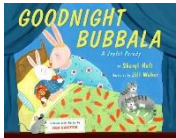
Illustrator [Gal, Susan](#)

2022-10 - Scholastic Press

9781338225891 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The true story behind the Tower of Life, a permanent Exhibit at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.

There once was a girl named Yaffa. She loved her family, her home, and her beautiful Polish town that brimmed with light and laughter. She also loved helping her Grandma Alte in her photography studio. There, shopkeepers, brides, babies, and bar mitzvah boys posed [...More](#)



Goodnight Bubbala

By [Haft, Sheryl](#)

Illustrator [Weber, Jill](#)

Contribution by [Garten, Ina](#)

2019-10 - Dial Books

9780525554776 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This festive parody reimagines a classic bedtime book as a lively Jewish family gathering complete with bubbies and zeydes--a perfect gift or read aloud that includes an exclusive latke recipe by Ina Garten, TV's Barefoot Contessa

In the small blue room there was a bubbala, and a little shmatta,

and then--oy vey --came the whole mishpacha

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Awe-Some Days: Poems about the Jewish Holidays

By [Singer, Marilyn](#)

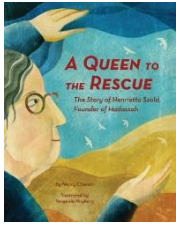
Illustrator [Wulfekotte, Dana](#)

2022-09 - Dial Books

9780593324691 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Discover and celebrate all of the Jewish holidays with this warm and engaging poetry collection by the acclaimed author of *Mirror Mirror*.

In this cheerful, enjoyable poetry collection, a family decides to celebrate every Jewish holiday for a full year, "the ones we know well, the ones we do not." Starting with new-year apples dipped in honey on Rosh Hashanah all the way to [...More](#)



A Queen to the Rescue

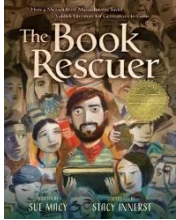
By [Churnin, Nancy](#)

Illustrator [Nayberg, Yevgenia](#)

2021-10 - Creston Books

9781939547958 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Henrietta Szold took Queen Esther as a model and worked hard to save the Jewish people. In 1912, she founded the Jewish women's social justice organization, Hadassah. Henrietta started Hadassah determined to offer emergency medical care to mothers and children in Palestine. When WWII broke out, she rescued Jewish children from the Holocaust, and broadened Hadassah's mission to include [...More](#)



The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come

By [Macy, Sue](#)

Illustrator [Innerst, Stacy](#)

2019-10 - Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books

9781481472203 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Awards:

Sydney Taylor Book Award (2019)

Recipient of a Sydney Taylor Book Award for Younger Readers

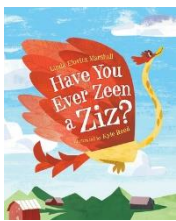
An ALA Notable Book

A Bank Street Best Book of the Year

"Text and illustration meld beautifully." --*The New York Times*

"Stunning." --*Kirkus Reviews* (starred review)

"Inspired... a] journalistic, propulsive [...More](#)



Have You Ever Zeen a Ziz?

By [Marshall, Linda Elovitz](#)

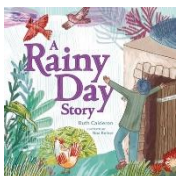
Illustrator [Reed, Kyle](#)

2020-04 - Albert Whitman & Company

9780807531730 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The Ziz is a bird that sings, puts on shows, and has the ability to block out the sun with its wings. This absurd and quirky tale about the mythological Ziz will have readers everywhere searching the skies for one. Told in rhyme, this humorous story is perfect for reading out loud.

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A Rainy Day Story

By [Calderon, Ruth](#)

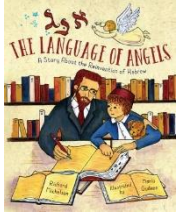
Illustrator [Kelner, Noa](#)

2021-02 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781541560383 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Rabbi Hanina feels sorry for himself when he becomes wet, cold and muddy from the rain. But when he goes inside his house--where he is warm, dry and happy--he feels selfish, knowing the parched earth needs the rain, and he learns a lesson about his place in the world.

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The Language of Angels: The Reinvention of Hebrew

By [Michelson, Richard](#)

Illustrator [Gudeon, Karla](#)

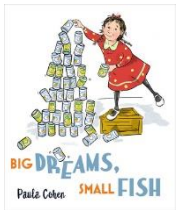
2017-02 - Charlesbridge Publishing

9781580896368 [Check Our Catalog](#)

2018 Sydney Taylor Book Award

2017 National Jewish Book Award

In 1885, few Jews in Israel used the holy language of their ancestors, and Hebrew was in danger of being lost--until Ben Zion and his father got involved. Through the help of his father and a community of children, Ben modernized the ancient language, creating a lexicon of new, modern words to bring Hebrew back [...More](#)



Big Dreams, Small Fish

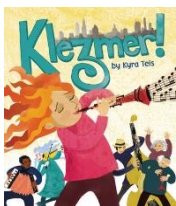
By [Cohen, Paula](#)

2022-03 - Levine Querido

9781646141265 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In the new country, Shirley and her family all have big dreams. Take the family store: Shirley has great ideas about how to make it more modern! Prettier! More profitable! She even thinks she can sell the one specialty no one seems to want to try: Mama's homemade gefilte fish.

But her parents think she's too young to help. And anyway they didn't come to America for their little girl to work. [...More](#)



Klezmer!

By [Teis, Kyra](#)

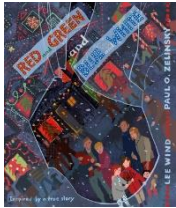
Illustrator [Teis, Kyra](#)

2021-11 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781541598003 [Check Our Catalog](#)

When Eastern European Jewish immigrants bring their klezmer music with them to America, it takes on a rockin' new vibe, adding elements of Jazz borrowed from its new country. In the beautifully illustrated *Klezmer*, a child makes an exciting music-filled visit to her grandparents' apartment in New York City, learning all about the evolution of this toe-tapping music genre.

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Red and Green and Blue and White

By [Wind, Lee](#)

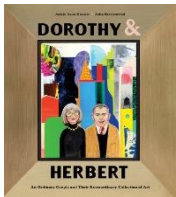
Illustrator [Zelinsky, Paul O.](#)

2021-10 - Levine Querido

9781646140879 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Inspired by a true story, this is a tale of a community that banded together to spread light.

It's a holiday season that both Isaac, whose family is Jewish, and Teresa, whose family is Christian, have looked forward to for months! They've been counting the days, playing in the snow, making cookies, drawing (Teresa) and writing poems (Isaac). They enjoy all the things they share, [...More](#)



Dorothy & Herbert: An Ordinary Couple and Their Extraordinary Collection of Art

By [Kramer, Jackie Azúa](#)

Illustrator [Breckenreid, Julia](#)

2021-10 - Harry N. Abrams

9781951836214 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A picture book biography about an ordinary New York City couple and their extraordinary collection of art

In the heart of Manhattan lived a librarian and a postal clerk who loved art so much that they collected it. Over the years, Dorothy and Herbert brought home hundreds of works of art--from little-known SoHo artists to luminaries such as Chuck Close and Christo and Jeanne-Claude--to [...More](#)



Signs of Survival: A Memoir of Two Sisters in the Holocaust

By [Hartman, Renee](#)

Author [Greene, Joshua M.](#)

2022-01 - Scholastic

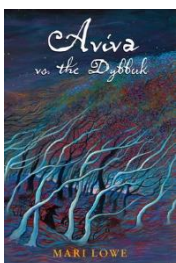
9781338753356 [Check Our Catalog](#)

RENEE: I was ten years old then, and my sister was eight. The responsibility was on me to warn everyone when the soldiers were coming because my sister and both my parents were deaf.

I was my family's ears.

Meet Renee and Herta, two sisters who faced the unimaginable -- together. This is their true story.

As Jews living in 1940s [...More](#)



Aviva Vs the Dybbuk

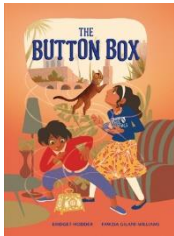
By [Lowe, Mari](#)

2022-02 - Levine Querido

9781646141258 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A long ago accident. An isolated girl named Aviva. A community that wants to help, but doesn't know how. And a ghostly dybbuk, that no one but Aviva can see, causing mayhem and mischief that everyone blames on her.

That is the setting for this suspenseful novel of a girl who seems to have lost everything, including her best friend Kayla, and a mother who was once vibrant and popular, but who [...More](#)



The Button Box

By [Gilani-Williams, Fawzia](#)

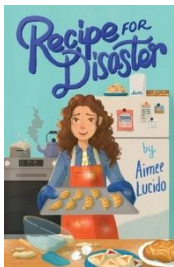
Author [Gilani-Williams, Fawzia](#)

Illustrator [Marathe, Harshad](#)

2022-04 - Kar-Ben Publishing (R)

9781728423968 [Check Our Catalog](#)

After Jewish fifth-grader Ava and her Muslim best friend Nadeem are called hateful names at school, Ava's Granny Buena rummages in her closet and pulls out a glittering crystal button box. It's packed with buttons that generations of Ava's Sephardic ancestors have cherished. With the help of Granny's mysterious cat Sheba, Ava and Nadeem discover that a button from the button box will take them [...More](#)



Recipe for Disaster

By [Lucido, Aimee](#)

2021-09 - Versify

9780358386919 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this heartfelt middle school drama, Hannah's schemes for throwing her own bat mitzvah unleash family secrets, create rivalries with best friends, and ultimately teach Hannah what being Jewish is all about.

With a delicious mix of prose, poetry, and recipes, this hybrid novel is another fresh, thoughtful, and accessible Versify novel that is cookin'. - New York [...More](#)



The Many Mysteries of the Finkel Family

By [Kapit, Sarah](#)

2021-03 - Dial Books

9780593112298 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Fans of the Penderwicks and the Vanderbeekers, meet the Finkel family in this middle grade novel about two autistic sisters, their detective agency, and life's most consequential mysteries.

When twelve-year-old Lara Finkel starts her very own detective agency, FIASCCO (Finkel Investigation Agency Solving Consequential Crimes Only), she does not want her sister, Caroline, involved. She [...More](#)



Just a Girl: A True Story of World War II

By [Levi, Lia](#)

Illustrator [Mason, Jess](#)

Translator [Notini, Sylvia Adrian](#)

2022-03 - HarperCollins

9780063065086 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this award-winning memoir translated from Italian to English, a Jewish girl grows up during a difficult time of racial discrimination and war, and discovers light in unexpected places. This classic, powerful story from Lia Levi is adapted for young readers, with beautiful black-and-white illustrations, a family photo album, and a powerful author's note to readers. [...More](#)



Honey and Me

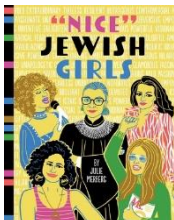
By [Drazin, Meira](#)

2022-10 - Scholastic Press

9781338155433 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Fans of Judy Blume, *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*, and *The Penderwicks* will love this funny, charismatic story of a Jewish girl striving to forge her own identity in the shadow of her fearless best friend. Winner of the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Award!

To Milla Bloom everything seems easy for her best friend, Honey [...More](#)



Nice Jewish Girls

By [Katz](#)

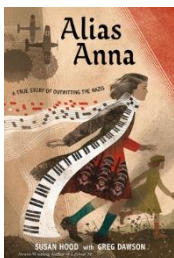
Illustrator [Rucker, Georgia](#)

2022-01 - Downtown Bookworks

9781950587094 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Thirty-six mini biographies of groundbreaking, outspoken, odds-defying Jewish women explore their fascinating lives, as well as the ways in which they were shaped by their heritage.

Probing the lives of historic icons like Anne Frank and Emma Goldman to contemporary heroines such as Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Janet Yellen the book also provides an overview of modern Jewish history. [...More](#)



Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis

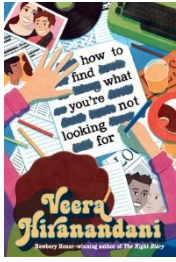
By [Hood, Susan](#)

Author [Dawson, Greg](#)

2022-03 - HarperCollins

9780063083899 [Check Our Catalog](#)

[...More](#)



How to Find What You're Not Looking for

By [Hiranandani, Veera](#)

2021-09 - Kokila

9780525555032 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Awards:

Sydney Taylor Book Award (2021)

New historical fiction from a Newbery Honor-winning author about how middle schooler Ariel Goldberg's life changes when her big sister elopes following the 1967 *Loving v. Virginia* decision, and she's forced to grapple with both her family's prejudice and the antisemitism she experiences, as she defines her own beliefs.

Cover may vary.

Twelve-year-old Ariel Goldberg's life [...More](#)



No Vacancy

By [Cohen, Tziporah](#)

2020-09 - Groundwood Books

9781773064109 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Awards:

Sydney Taylor Book Award (2020)

Buying and moving into the run-down Jewel Motor Inn in upstate New York wasn't eleven-year-old Miriam Brockman's dream, but at least it's an adventure. Miriam befriends Kate, whose grandmother owns the diner next door, and finds comfort in the company of Maria, the motel's housekeeper, and her Uncle Mordy, who comes to help out for the summer. She spends her free time helping Kate's grandmother [...More](#)



The Two Wrong Halves of Ruby Taylor

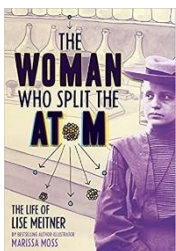
By [Panitch, Amanda](#)

2022-08 - Roaring Brook Press

9781250245137 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Funny and poignant, Amanda Panitch's new middle-grade novel *The Two Wrong Halves of Ruby Taylor* is an exploration of mixed families, identity, hundred-year-old curses, and the terrifying challenge of standing up for yourself against your loved ones.

Of her two granddaughters, Grandma Yvette *clearly* prefers Ruby Taylor's perfect--and perfectly [...More](#)



The Woman Who Split the Atom: The Life of Lise Meitner

By [Moss, Marissa](#)

2022-04 - Abrams Books for Young Readers

9781419758539 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Bestselling author-illustrator Marissa Moss tells the gripping story of Lise Meitner, the physicist who discovered nuclear fission

As a female Jewish physicist in Berlin during the early 20th century, Lise Meitner had to fight for an education, a job, and equal treatment in her field, like having her name listed on her own research papers.

Meitner made groundbreaking strides in the [...More](#)



The Sun Will Come Out

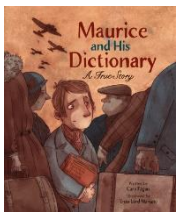
By [Levy, Joanne](#)

2021-04 - Orca Book Publishers

9781459825871 [Check Our Catalog](#)

***The Sun Will Come Out* is a funny and heartwarming account of a shy girl's first summer away from home, where she learns she really can do anything and that silver linings can be found just about anywhere.**

Twelve-year-old Bea Gelman and her best friend Frankie are planning the BEST SUMMER EVER at Camp Shalom--a sleep-away camp. But at the last minute, Frankie [...More](#)



Maurice and His Dictionary: A True Story

By [Fagan, Cary](#)

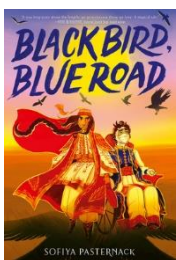
Illustrator [Mariano, Enzo Lord](#)

2020-10 - Owlkids

9781771473231 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This is the story of one refugee family's harrowing journey, based on author Cary Fagan's own family history. The graphic novel follows a young Jewish boy, Maurice, and his family as they flee their home in Belgium during the Second World War. They travel by train to Paris, through Spain to Portugal, and finally across the ocean to Jamaica, where they settle in an internment camp.

All the [...More](#)



Black Bird, Blue Road

By [Pasternack, Sofiya](#)

2022-09 - Versify

9780358572039 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this historical fantasy novel from Sydney Taylor Honor winner and National Jewish Book Award finalist Sofiya Pasternack, Ziva will do anything to save her twin brother Pesah from his illness--even facing the Angel of Death himself.

Pesah has lived with leprosy for years, and the twins have spent most of that time working on a cure. Then Pesah has a vision: The Angel of [...More](#)



Real Wonder Women: Biographies of Brave and Brilliant Women

By [Epstein, Nadine](#)

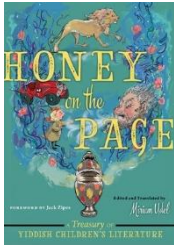
Illustrator [Johnson, Bee](#)

Introduction by [Ginsburg, Ruth Bader](#)

2021-09 - Delacorte Press

9780593377185 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This collection of biographies of brave and brilliant Jewish female role models-- selected in collaboration with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and including an introduction written by the iconic Supreme Court justice herself-- provides young people with a roster of inspirational role models, all of whom are Jewish women, who will appeal not only to young people but to people of all ages, and all [...More](#)



Honey on the Page: A Treasury of Yiddish Children's Literature

By [Udel, Miriam](#)

Translator [Udel, Miriam](#)

Foreword by [Zipes, Jack](#)

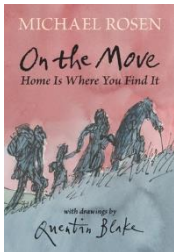
2020-10 - New York University Press

9781479874132 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Winner, 2021 Reference & Bibliography Award in the 'Reference' Section, given by the Association of Jewish Libraries

An unprecedented treasury of Yiddish children's stories and poems enhanced with original illustrations

While there has been a recent boom in Jewish literacy and learning within the US, few resources exist to enable American Jews to experience the rich [...More](#)



On the Move: Poems about Migration

By [Rosen, Michael](#)

Illustrator [Blake, Quentin](#)

2022-02 - Candlewick Press (MA)

9781536218107 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In a masterful new collaboration, personal poems and poignant art illuminate the experience of refugees and immigrants everywhere.

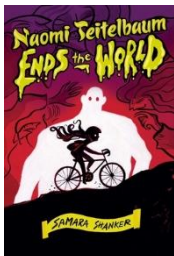
That's why

it can happen again.

It does happen again.

It has happened again.

Some of Michael Rosen's relatives were lost before he was born, in the Holocaust. First, he wondered about them. And [...More](#)



Naomi Teitelbaum Ends the World

By [Shanker, Samara](#)

2022-09 - Atheneum Books for Young Readers

9781665905022 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A magical Bat Mitzvah gift gets out of control and thrusts a girl into a supernatural quest with the fate of the world at stake in this spooky middle grade adventure that's perfect for fans of Aru Shah.

Naomi Teitelbaum is so ready for her Bat Mitzvah. Her prayers are memorized and she's definitely got a handle on her Torah portion (well, almost). Then she gets a mysterious gift: [...More](#)



The Unfinished Corner

By [Colman, Dani](#)

Illustrator [Petrovicz, Rachel Tuna](#)

2021-10 - Wonderbound

9781638490111 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Twelve-year-old Miriam doesn't know much about Jewish mythology. She's not even sure she wants to be Jewish. So, imagine her confusion when a peculiar angel whisks her off to finish the mythological Unfinished Corner, a place full of monsters and mystery.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD MIRIAM IS FULL OF QUESTIONS, BUT THE WHOLE UNIVERSE IS COUNTING ON HER FOR ANSWERS.

Jewish mythology has it that [...More](#)



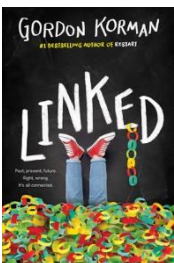
Where You've Got to Be

By [Gertler, Caroline](#)

2022-09 - Greenwillow Books

9780063027053 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Feeling left behind by both her sister and her best friend, Nolie tries her best to belong but soon finds herself at a moral crossroads. Set in the bustle of New York City during the Jewish High Holy Days, *Where You've Got to Be* is an accessible story about identities and relationships--the ones you keep and ones you let go. Pitch-perfect for [...More](#)



Linked

By [Korman, Gordon](#)

2021-07 - Scholastic Inc.

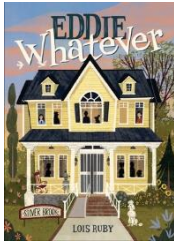
9781338629118 [Check Our Catalog](#)

An unforgettable novel from the *New York Times* bestselling Gordon Korman.

Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika.

Nobody can believe it. How could such a symbol of hate end up in the middle of their school? Who would do such a thing?

Because Michael was the [...More](#)



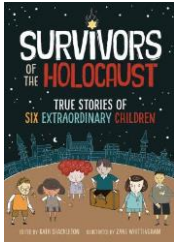
Eddie Whatever

By [Ruby, Lois](#)

2021-11 - Carolrhoda Books (R)

9781541579187 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Survivors of the Holocaust: True Stories of Six Extraordinary Children

By [Shackleton, Kath](#)

Illustrator [Whittingham, Zane](#)

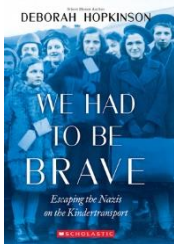
Designed by [Jones, Ryan](#)

2019-10 - Sourcebooks Explore

9781492688921 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This extraordinary graphic novel tells the true stories of six Jewish children and young people who survived the Holocaust.

Between 1933 and 1945, Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party were responsible for the persecution of millions of Jews across Europe. From suffering the horrors of Auschwitz, to hiding from Nazi soldiers in war-torn Paris, to sheltering from the Blitz in [...More](#)



We Had to Be Brave: Escaping the Nazis on the Kindertransport (Scholastic Focus)

By [Hopkinson, Deborah](#)

2022-06 - Scholastic Focus

9781338255751 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Sibert Honor author Deborah Hopkinson illuminates the true stories of Jewish children who fled Nazi Germany, risking everything to escape to safety on the Kindertransport. An NCTE Orbis Pictus recommended book and a Sydney Taylor Book Award Notable Title.

Ruth David was growing up in a small village in Germany when Adolf Hitler rose to power in the 1930s. Under the Nazi Party, Jewish [...More](#)