



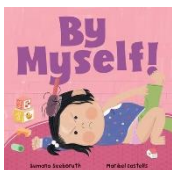
Inclusive Literature Lists

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.

March 2024 Inclusive Literature



By Myself!

By [Seeboruth, Sumana](#)

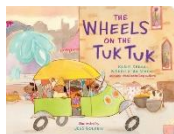
Illustrator [Castells, Maribel](#)

2023-08 - Barefoot Books

9781646869954 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Pitch perfect for an audience of children who want to be self-reliant and have the stubbornness to prove it!" - School Library Journal

Joining the Feelings & Firsts series: a toddler humorously asserts her independence while getting ready in the morning, only to be met with one frustration after another. When she finds an opportunity to help her big sister get dressed, she [...More](#)



The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk

By [Sehgal, Kabir](#)

Author [Sehgal, Surishtha](#)

Illustrator [Golden, Jess](#)

2023-03 - Little Simon

9781665921947 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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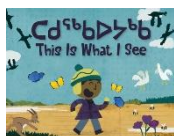
By [Forman, Ruth](#)

Illustrator [Gaines, Katura](#)

2023-08 - Little Simon

9781665939362 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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This Is What I See: Bilingual Inuktitut and English Edition

By [Arreak, Looee](#)

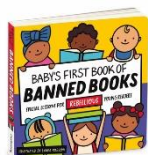
Illustrator [We Are Together](#)

2022-07 - Arvaag Press

9781774502747 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Let's count what we see as we walk on the tundra! Based on a song by award-winning Inuktitut singer and songwriter Looee Arreak, this book invites children to sing along as they count the animals they see on the tundra.

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Baby's First Book of Banned Books

By [Mudpuppy](#)

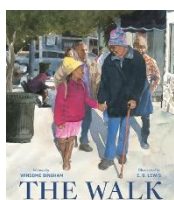
2023-07 - Galison

9780735380165 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Introduction for babies and toddlers to key lessons learned through infamously banned books

Baby's First Book of Banned Books By Laura Korzon is a unique new board book from Mudpuppy that introduces beloved classics and cherished stories like *The Diary Of Anne Frank* and *To Kill A Mockingbird* to little learners.

- Early Learning - Provide young [...More](#)



The Walk

By [Bingham, Winsome](#)

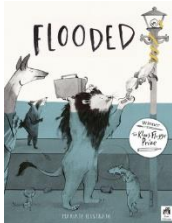
Illustrator [Lewis, E. B.](#)

2023-09 - Harry N. Abrams

9781419747724 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From award-winning creators Winsome Bingham and E.B. Lewis, *The Walk (A Stroll to the Poll)* is a powerful picture book story celebrating a journey crucial to our democracy: the walk to vote. Perfect for sharing with young readers during election season.

Granny and her granddaughter are going on a walk. But this is not just any walk. It's a walk that must not be missed; [...More](#)



Flooded

By [Illustrajo, Mariajo](#)

2023-10 - Frances Lincoln Ltd

9780711276789 [Check Our Catalog](#)

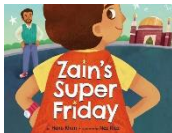
Winner of the Klaus Flugge Prize for Illustration 2023

Flooded is the funny and beautifully illustrated tale of animals who live in a city that is ever so slowly flooding.

The flood comes gradually at first.

All the animals **ignore the obvious** and go about their busy lives, disjointed from one another and **preoccupied by their own problems**.

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Zain's Super Friday

By [Khan, Hena](#)

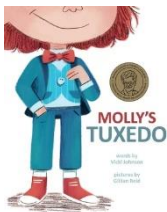
Illustrator [Riaz, Nez](#)

2023-10 - Lee & Low Books

9781643794242 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Join Zain and his dad on a special visit to their local mosque to attend jumu'ah prayers in this heartwarming picture book from the author of *Under My Hijab*.

Early Friday morning, Zain leaps out of bed ready to save the world from alien invaders! But his dad has other plans for Zain on this special day of the week. Dad takes Zain to the mosque and guides him through his [...More](#)



Molly's Tuxedo

By [Johnson, Vicki](#)

Illustrator [Reid, Gillian](#)

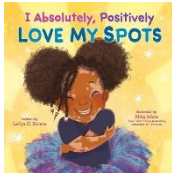
2023-06 - Little Bee Books

9781499813142 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Molly wants to look her best for picture day at her school, and what looks better than a tux?

Molly's school picture day is coming up, and she wants to have a perfect portrait taken to hang on their wall. Her mom has picked out a nice dress for her, but

Molly knows from experience that dresses are trouble. They have tight places and hard-to-reach zippers, and worst of all, no pockets! [...More](#)



I Absolutely, Positively Love My Spots

By [Rivera](#)

Illustrator [Mata, Niña](#)

2023-06 - HarperCollins

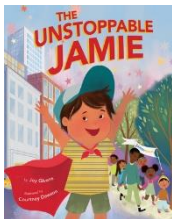
9780063119970 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Highly recommended." --*School Library Journal*

A 55th NAACP Image Award Nominee for Best Children's Literature

A young girl with vitiligo celebrates her skin in this joyful picture book by debut author Lid'ya C. Rivera and illustrated by #1 *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Niña Mata!

This lyrical [...More](#)



The Unstoppable Jamie

By [Givens, Joy](#)

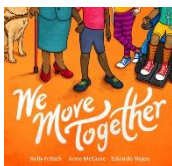
Illustrator [Dawson, Courtney](#)

2023-09 - Two Lions

9781662505768 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Inspired by the author's son, the story of a boy with Down syndrome who goes on a superhero's journey to New York City and learns what truly makes him unstoppable.

Jamie likes to pretend he's a superhero. With his cape and gadgets, he feels like he can face anything. When his picture is chosen to be shown in Times Square for the NDSS Buddy Walk(R), his family travels to New York [...More](#)



We Move Together

By [Fritsch, Kelly](#)

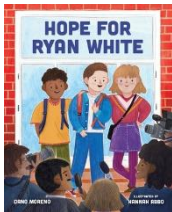
Author [McGuire, Anne](#)

Illustrator [Trejos, Eduardo](#)

2021-04 - AK Press

9781849354042 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A bold and colorful exploration of all the ways that people navigate through the spaces around them and a celebration of the relationships we build along the way. *We Move Together* follows a mixed-ability group of kids as they creatively negotiate everyday barriers and find joy and connection in disability culture and community. A perfect tool for families, schools, and libraries to [...More](#)



Hope for Ryan White

By [Moreno, Dano](#)

Illustrator [Abbo, Hannah](#)

2023-06 - Albert Whitman & Company

9780807533543 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Even after he was diagnosed with AIDS, Ryan White never lost hope.

When Ryan White was diagnosed with AIDS as a teenager in 1984, doctors gave him just six months to live. With the time he had left, all he wanted was to lead a normal life, go to school, and spend time with friends. Instead, he faced discrimination from people who didn't understand his illness--but he didn't let that [...More](#)



Come Over to My House

By [Hull, Eliza](#)

Author [Rippin, Sally](#)

Illustrator [Gray-Barnett, Daniel](#)

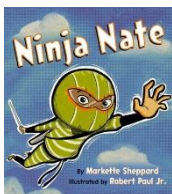
2023-08 - Bright Light

9781761212680 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Come Over To My House is a delightful picture book that explores the home lives of children and parents who are Deaf or disabled.

Co-written by disability advocate Eliza Hull and bestselling author Sally Rippin, the inclusive rhyming text authentically explores the characters' various disabilities.

A cast of friendly characters invite friends over for a play - there's fun to be [...More](#)



Ninja Nate

By [Sheppard, Markette](#)

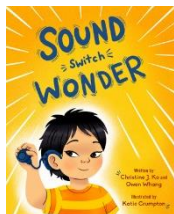
Illustrator [Paul, Robert](#)

2023-09 - Denene Millner Books/Simon & Schuster Books f

9781534476929 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A boy adopting a ninja alter ego to cope with a new disability finds the courage to share all of himself in this action-packed and heartfelt picture book from the author of *My Rainy Day Rocket Ship*.

Nathaniel, or, as his friends call him, Ninja Nate, has been dressing like a ninja all summer long--even sleeping in his suit. And he doesn't plan on stopping for his first day of [...More](#)



Sound Switch Wonder

By [Ko, Christine](#)

Author [Whang, Owen](#)

Illustrator [Crumpton, Katie](#)

2023-11 - West Margin Press

9781513141459 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Inspired by the authors' real lives, this picture book shares what sound means for one young deaf boy as he experiences the world with cochlear implants.

Most people either can or cannot hear sound . . . but some people can do both! Meet a deaf boy with cochlear implants as he moves about his day. Sometimes he prefers not to hear, but when he wants to connect with the hearing world, he [...More](#)



Scroll

By [Li, Hui](#)

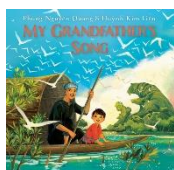
2023-09 - Christy Ottaviano Books-Little Brown and Hach

9780316340731 [Check Our Catalog](#)

An ALA Notable Book - A *Bookpage* Best Picture Book of the Year

★ "A beautifully drawn, cleverly told tale of bravery and wit.... As Lulu discovers, wonders await those who take a chance and dive in." -- *Bookpage*, starred review

★ "Readers are plunged into an enchanted world where drawing skills and creative problem-solving hold the key to a favorable [...More](#)



My Grandfather's Song

By [Nguyen Quang, Phung](#)

Author [Kim Liên, Huynh](#)

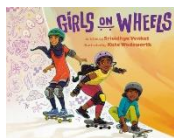
2023-10 - Make Me a World

9780593488614 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A stunning picture book about a family's connection to their land, their home, and each other--from the creators of *My First Day*.

Long ago, Grandfather came to a new land. Fish swam in the water, birds chirped in the sky, monkeys played in the trees. And in this wilderness, with his own two hands, Grandfather built a house.

It wasn't easy. But the land gave him what he [...More](#)



Girls on Wheels

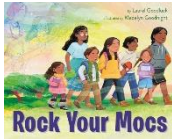
By [Venkat, Srividhya](#)

Illustrator [Wadsworth, Kate](#)

2023-08 - Kokila

9780593529287 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Rock Your Mocs

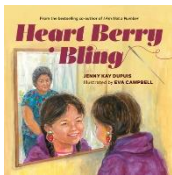
By [Goodluck, Laurel](#)

Illustrator [Goodnight, Madelyn](#)

2023-10 - Heartdrum

9780063099890 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In this happy, vibrant tribute to Rock Your Mocs Day, observed yearly on November 15, author Laurel Goodluck (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Tsimshian) and artist Madelyn Goodnight (Chickasaw) celebrate the joy and power of wearing moccasins--and the Native pride that comes with them. A perfect book for Native American Heritage Month and all year [...More](#)



Heart Berry Bling

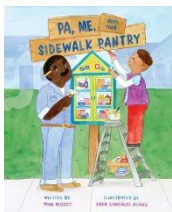
By [Dupuis, Jenny Kay](#)

Illustrator [Campbell, Eva](#)

2023-05 - Highwater Press

9781774920558 [Check Our Catalog](#)

On a visit to her granny, Maggie is excited to begin her first-ever beading project: a pair of strawberry earrings. However, beading is much harder than she expected! As they work side by side, Granny shares how beading helped her persevere and stay connected to her Anishinaabe culture when she lost her Indian status, forcing her out of her home community--all because she married someone [...More](#)



Pa, Me, and Our Sidewalk Pantry

By [Buzzeeo, Toni](#)

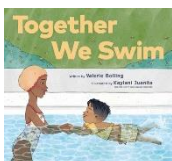
Illustrator [González Hoang, Zara](#)

2023-07 - Harry N. Abrams

9781419749377 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A kind and generous grandparent-grandchild duo nourishes their neighborhood in this full-color picture book from *New York Times* bestselling author Toni Buzzeeo and illustrator Zara González Hoang.

Pa and his grandchild, Jelly Bean, have a sidewalk library filled with stories. Anyone can bring donations or take something to read. Jelly Bean loves the sidewalk library! But what [...More](#)



Together We Swim

By [Bolling, Valerie](#)

Illustrator [Juanita, Kaylani](#)

2023-08 - Chronicle Books

9781797212494 [Check Our Catalog](#)

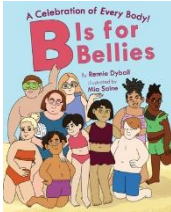
A 2023 Kirkus Prize Finalist!

"Black family pride and joy abound."--*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

"Joy-filled."--*Booklist*, starred review

A joyful, encouraging ode to a mother and son's relationship and the unforgettable experience of a child's first swimming lessons.

Jumping into the water can be more than a little scary! [...More](#)



B Is for Bellies

By [Dyball, Rennie](#)

Illustrator [Saine, Mia](#)

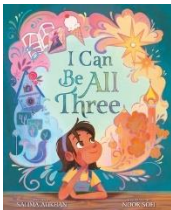
2023-07 - Clarion Books

9780358683650 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A joyous picture book celebration of every body from A to Z!

Letter by letter, *B Is for Bellies* is a joyous picture book celebration of every body from A to Z! This ode to self-love and kindness encourages us to remember that every body is worthy of respect, whether it be letting go on the dancefloor or engaging in peaceful rest.

Rennie Dyball's bouncy rhyming text features [...More](#)



I Can Be All Three

By [Alikhan, Salima](#)

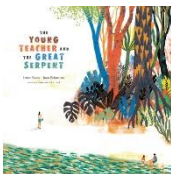
Illustrator [Sofi, Noor](#)

2023-06 - Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

9781665901840 [Check Our Catalog](#)

***Our Favorite Day of the Year* meets *Alma and How She Got Her Name* in this warm, lyrical picture book about a child who learns to celebrate her multicultural identity and finds pride in all the stories and worlds that live inside of her.**

When it's Multicultural Day at school, a young girl wonders how best to tell the story of who she is. With marigolds, mangoes, and [...More](#)



The Young Teacher and the Great Serpent

By [Vasco, Irene](#)

Illustrator [Palomino, Juan](#)

Translator [Schimel, Lawrence](#)

2023-10 - Eerdmans Books for Young Readers

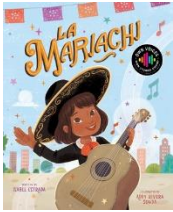
9780802856173 [Check Our Catalog](#)

The United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY) Outstanding International Books List - PreK-2 (2024)

***The New York Times* New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Books Award (2023)**

A stunningly illustrated fable about cultural humility and the transcendent power of stories.

A young teacher sets out for the Amazon rain forest, eager [...More](#)



La Mariachi

By [Estrada, Isabel](#)

Illustrator [Sonda, Addy Rivera](#)

2023-07 - Sleeping Bear Press

9781534111912 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Tuchi longs to join in and play with the school's mariachi band, but it's the 1970s and in her community, mariachi is only for the boys. Still she hopes--and wishes on Señora Luna. When Tuchi stumbles across her nana's guitarrón, Nana teaches her to play in secret. The music rumbles inside Tuchi like desert thunder. Will Tuchi be ready for the big audition? And will Señora Luna help [...More](#)



When We Had to Leave Home

By [Lodding, Linda Ravin](#)

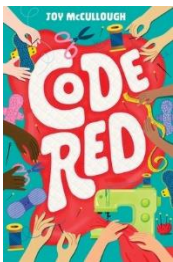
Illustrator [Aronson, Anna](#)

2023-10 - Albert Whitman & Company

9780807574812 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Displaced by conflict in Ukraine, a young girl and her family must start again in a new country.

When war comes to Sofiya's country, she and her mother and grandmother are forced to set off on a long journey to escape the violence and find safety. Sofiya doesn't know whether she will ever see her friends or her beloved garden again, so she takes a sunflower with her as a reminder [...More](#)



Code Red

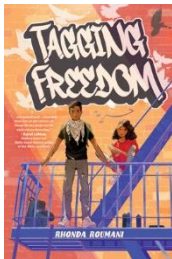
By [McCullough, Joy](#)

2023-06 - Atheneum Books

9781534496262 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In the spirit of Judy Blume, this "character-driven, thought-provoking, often funny, and, above all, timely" (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review) middle grade novel celebrates finding yourself, making new friends, and standing up for what's right as a girl becomes involved in menstrual activism.

Ever since a career-ending injury, former elite gymnast Eden has been feeling lost. To [...More](#)



Tagging Freedom

By [Roumani, Rhonda](#)

2023-11 - Union Square Kids

9781454950714 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Out of the revolutions across the Arab world comes this inspirational story of hope, freedom, and belonging, perfect for fans of *Other Words for Home* and *A Good Kind of Trouble*.

Kareem Haddad of Damascus, Syria, never dreamed of becoming a graffiti artist. But when a group of boys from another town tag subversive slogans outside their [...More](#)



The Jake Show

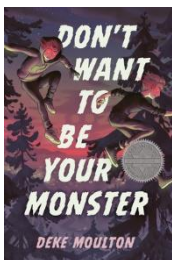
By [Levy, Joshua S.](#)

2023-05 - Katherine Tegen Books

9780063248199 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In Joshua S. Levy's hilarious and charming middle grade novel, a Jewish seventh grade boy is caught between the worlds of his divorced parents--with an orthodox mother and secular father, Jake must concoct a web of lies to go to a summer camp with his friends. Perfect for fans of Gordon Korman and Erin Entrada Kelly. A Sydney Taylor Honor Book!

For TV-obsessed Jake [...More](#)



Don't Want to Be Your Monster

By [Moulton, Deke](#)

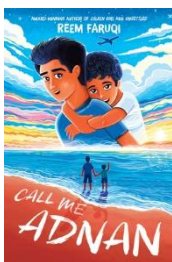
2023-07 - Tundra Books (NY)

9781774880494 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A 2024 Sydney Taylor Honor Book!

Two vampire brothers must set aside their differences to solve a series of murders in this humorous and delightfully spooky novel for young readers. For fans of *Too Bright to See*.

Adam and Victor are brothers who have the usual fights over the remote, which movie to watch and whether or not it's morally acceptable to [...More](#)



Call Me Adnan

By [Faruqi, Reem](#)

2023-06 - HarperCollins

9780063284944 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"An emotional tale of a family's grief and healing, full of courage and hope" --*Kirkus Reviews*

"Faruqi renders this tender story of loss with a deft hand, employing vivid details surrounding Adnan's Pakistani Muslim identity . . . and nuanced characterizations to present a tear-jerking ode to family." --*Publishers Weekly* (starred [...More](#))



The Girl from Earth's End

By [Dairman, Tara](#)

2023-03 - Candlewick Press (MA)

9781536224801 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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Alex Wise vs. the End of the World

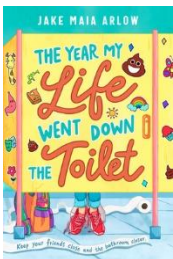
By [Benton-Walker, Terry J.](#)

2023-09 - Labyrinth Road

9780593564295 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Welcome to the summer of the apocalypse. One 12-year-old boy leads the charge against the forces of evil as he tries to stop the Four Horsemen from taking over the world in the start to a wildly funny and addictive fantasy series about accepting yourself and finding your inner hero.

Alex Wise feels like his world is ending. His best friend, Loren, is leaving town for the summer, his [...More](#)



The Year My Life Went Down the Toilet

By [Arlow, Jake Maia](#)

2023-08 - Dial Books

9780593112960 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A hilariously honest book about surviving middle school while navigating a chronic illness from the Stonewall Honor-winning author of *Almost Flying*.

Twelve-year-old Al Schneider is too scared to talk about the two biggest things in her life:

1. Her stomach hurts all the time and she has no idea why.
2. She's almost definitely 100% sure she likes girls.

So she [...More](#)



Second Chance Summer

By [Kapit, Sarah](#)

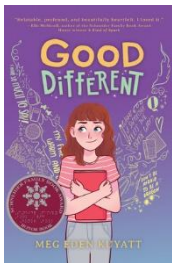
2023-05 - Henry Holt & Company

9781250860903 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Breaking up is hard to do, especially when it's with your best friend. Can these two ex-besties survive summer camp together?

Maddie and Chloe have always been best friends, until last year, when Chloe's popularity and budding fame as an actor left Maddie in the dust one too many times. Their friendship is over, and they're both ready to move on.

But when the [...More](#)



Selah's Guide to Normal

By [Kuyatt, Meg Eden](#)

2023-04 - Scholastic Press

9781338816105 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A Schneider Family Book Award Honor Book

An extraordinary novel-in-verse for fans of *Starfish* and *A Kind of Spark* about a neurodivergent girl who comes to understand and celebrate her difference.

Selah knows her rules for being normal.

She always, always sticks to them. This means keeping her feelings locked tightly inside, despite the way [...More](#)



Lei and the Fire Goddess

By [Maunakea, Malia](#)

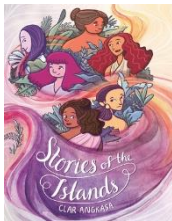
2023-06 - Penguin Workshop

9780593522035 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"*Lei and the Fire Goddess* blends preteen angst and beloved Hawaiian mo'olelo in a way that hasn't been done before." --Auli'i Cravalho, actress and voice of Disney's Princess Moana

Curses aren't real.

At least, that's what twelve-year-old, part-Hawaiian Anna Leilani Kama'ehu thinks when she listens to her grandmother's folktales about sacred flowers and [...More](#)



Stories of the Islands

By [Angkasa, Clar](#)

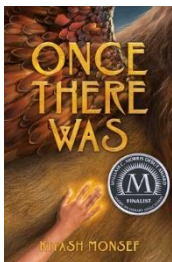
2023-10 - Holiday House

9780823449781 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Journey into a land of magic and powerful girls in this feminist graphic novel retelling of three Indonesian folktales.

"Brimming with spirit, this is a book all about connection and empowerment. Angkasa's gorgeous rendering and vivid storytelling will pull you right in."--Tillie Walden, author of *On a Sunbeam*

Once upon a time. . . a princess was cursed to live as a snail, [...More](#)



Once There Was

By [Monsef, Kiyash](#)

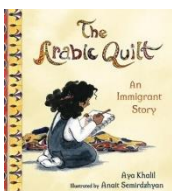
2023-04 - Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

9781665928502 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A New York Times bestseller!

A Morris Award Finalist

***Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* meets Neil Gaiman in this "striking and heartfelt" (*Kirkus Reviews*) novel about an Iranian American girl who discovers that her father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures--and that she must take up his mantle, despite the many dangers. [...More](#)**



The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story

By [Khalil, Aya](#)

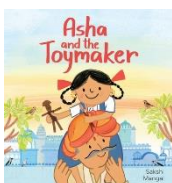
Illustrator [Semirdzhyan, Anait](#)

2020-02 - Tilbury House Publishers

9780884487548 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Kanzi's family has moved from Egypt to America, and on her first day in a new school, what she wants more than anything is to fit in. Maybe that's why she forgets to take the kofta sandwich her mother has made for her lunch, but that backfires when Mama shows up at school with the sandwich. Mama wears a hijab and calls her daughter Habibti (dear one). When she leaves, the teasing starts.

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ASHA and the Toymaker

By [Mangal, Sakshi](#)

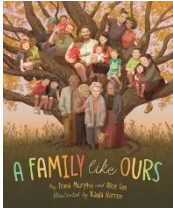
Illustrator [Mangal, Sakshi](#)

2023-10 - Kids Can Press

9781525306662 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A heartwarming story about the value of art, set in the evocative Blue City of India.

Asha's papa makes and sells wooden toys to pay for her to go to school. But Papa struggles to find buyers. And this makes him worry. He worries Asha's life will also be a struggle unless she focuses on her schoolwork, which he never had the chance to do. Can Asha's art help Papa? Will he let her [...More](#)



A Family Like Ours

By [Murphy, Frank](#)

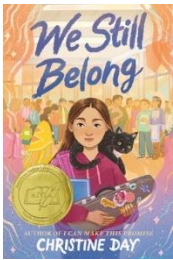
Author [Lee, Alice](#)

Illustrator [Harren, Kayla](#)

2023-08 - Sleeping Bear Press

9781534111868 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Everyone's family is unique--and good! From sprawling extended families and close-knit units to adopted and chosen families, A Family Like Ours celebrates all those important connections we build over the years. Regardless of what yours looks like, family is a place for support, safety, growth, and inspiration. What is special, surprising, or sensational about your family? [...More](#)



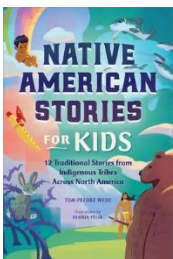
We Still Belong

By [Day, Christine](#)

2023-08 - Heartdrum

9780063064560 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A thoughtful and heartfelt middle grade novel by American Indian Youth Literature Honor-winning author Christine Day (Upper Skagit), about a girl whose hopeful plans for Indigenous Peoples' Day (and plans to ask her crush to the school dance) go all wrong--until she finds herself surrounded by the love of her Indigenous family and community at an intertribal [...More](#)



Native American Stories for Kids: 12 Traditional Stories from Indigenous Tribes Across North America

By [Wesco, Tom Pecore](#)

2022-04 - Callisto Kids

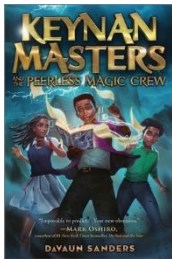
9781638070627 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Explore Native American narratives--for kids ages 6 to 9.

Native Americans have a long tradition of storytelling. Now, you can easily introduce your children to these rich cultures with a compilation of powerful tales from multiple tribes like the Cheyenne and the Lenape.

What sets this book apart from other Native American books for kids:

Tales from [...More](#)



Keynan Masters and the Peerless Magic Crew

By [Sanders, Davaun](#)

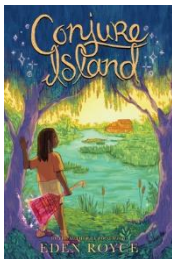
2023-10 - Inkyard Press

9781335458049 [Check Our Catalog](#)

"Impossible to predict... Your new obsession." --Mark Oshiro, co-author of #1 New York Times bestseller *The Sun and the Star*

This new middle grade fantasy series follows Keynan's quest to unlock his freestyling magic and unravel the secrets of Peerless Academy.

Keynan Masters doesn't know the truth about Peerless Academy. He thinks it's just [...More](#)



Conjure Island

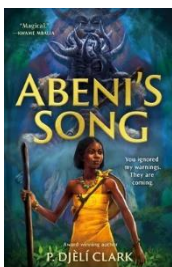
By [Royce, Eden](#)

2023-06 - Walden Pond Press

9780062899613 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From the award-winning author of *Root Magic* comes the story of a girl forced to spend the summer with a great-grandmother she's never met--only to discover she runs a school for Southern conjure magic.

If you ask Delphinia Baker, she'd tell you she has all the family she needs. Sure, her mom passed away when she was young, her dad is often away on deployment, [...More](#)



Abeni's Song

By [Clark, P. Djèlí](#)

2023-07 - Starscape Books

9781250825827 [Check Our Catalog](#)

IN DARKNESS, A SONG CAN LEAD THE WAY. BEWARE WHICH ONE YOU LISTEN TO.

***Abeni's Song* by award-winning author P. Djèlí Clark is the enchanting beginning of an epic West African and African Diaspora-inspired fantasy adventure for middle-grade readers about a reluctant apprentice to magic and the stolen villagers she sets out to save.**

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José and Feliz Play Fútbol

By [Rose, Susan](#)

Author [López, Silvia](#)

Illustrator [Félix, Gloria](#)

2023-11 - Penguin Workshop

9780593521205 [Check Our Catalog](#)

José and his dog play soccer in this fun early reader that uses both Spanish and English!

José has been selected for the school soccer team! Finally, he gets to be part of el equipo de fútbol. He starts practicing in his backyard right away. But when he kicks the ball toward the net, his best friend--who is also his dog, Feliz--runs after it! Can José find a way to bring his furry [...More](#)



Maggie Lou, Firefox

By [Bowes, Arnolda](#)

Illustrator [Harvey, Karlene](#)

2023-10 - Groundwood Books

9781773068817 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Maggie Lou's grandpa doesn't call her Firefox for nothing. She's always finding ways to make life more interesting -- even if this means getting into big trouble.

When her grandfather Moshôm finally agrees to teach her how to box, she decides that the rank odors, endless drills and teasing won't stop her from wearing a tutu to the gym. Joining her father's construction [...More](#)



Sparkle

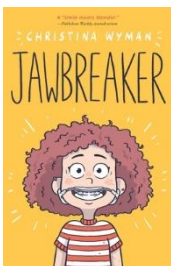
By [Wilson, Lakita](#)

2023-10 - Viking

9780593465752 [Check Our Catalog](#)

After twelve-year-old aspiring superstar, Sparkle Moore, is diagnosed with alopecia, she must navigate family, friends, and her own self-esteem with the added challenge of losing her hair. Perfect for fans of *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* and *From the Desk of Zoe Washington*.

Sparkle Moore is destined to be a star. Her mother is determined to turn her and her younger sister, Nova, [...More](#)



Jawbreaker

By [Wyman, Christina](#)

2023-10 - Farrar, Straus and Giroux (Byr)

9780374389697 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A *USA Today* bestseller perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier's *Smile*, this is a funny and fresh middle-grade debut novel about jawbreaking dental drama.

Max Plink's life just got a lot more complicated. Trouble at home? Check--with money tight, her parents haven't been getting along lately. School bullies? Double check--especially if you count her sister, who is the [...More](#)



Farther Than the Moon

By [Lackey, Lindsay](#)

2023-09 - Roaring Brook Press

9781250205209 [Check Our Catalog](#)

From award-winning author Lindsay Lackey comes *Farther Than the Moon*, a heartfelt story about a boy who wants to become an astronaut, but wonders if his dreams can include his brother with disabilities, perfect for fans of *We Dream of Space* and *Song for a Whale*.

All thirteen-year-old Houston Stewart has ever wanted is to become an astronaut. His dreams feel like [...More](#)