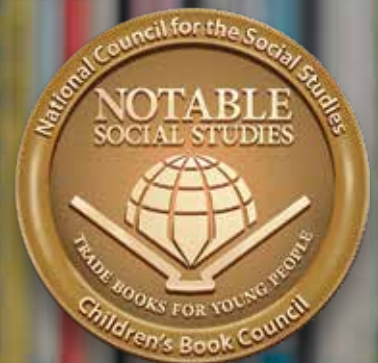
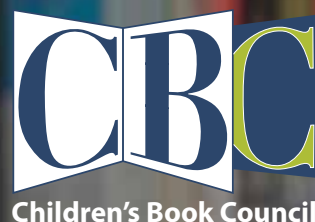


Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People 2022



About the List and Criteria for Selection

The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2021 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children's Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List may be downloaded at www.cbcbbooks.org/membership/member-list.


Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies: A Framework for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment*, to which the book relates.

Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- 1 CULTURE
- 2 TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- 3 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- 4 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- 5 INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- 6 POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- 7 PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- 8 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- 9 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- 10 CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Key to a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with an asterisk are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator 5. Publisher. 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) 8. Price as of January 2022 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the curriculum standards for social studies (see list above).

1. 	2. Buffalo Sisters.	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. ISBN 0-696-67321-1	8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks's childhood on the American frontier.	11. (ABM)	12. 3 5

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BIOGRAPHY

The Awakening of Malcolm X. Ilyasah Shabazz and Tiffany D. Jackson. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 336pp. ISBN 978-0374313296, \$17.99. (H) This biography, written through the eyes of Malcolm X's daughter, chronicles his powerful young adult years—from his experience in prison to joining the Nation of Islam. (SES) 3, 6, 5

Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna. Alda P. Dobbs. Sourcebooks Young Readers. 288pp. ISBN 978-1728234656, \$17.99. (M) Twelve-year-old Petra Luna's mother died in childbirth during the Mexican Revolution in 1913. Petra's father is conscripted, and she promises him that she'll take care of their family—her abuelita, her little sister, and baby brother until they can be together again. As her town burns, they flee north, hoping to find safety across the U.S. border. Author's Note, Timeline. (TSS) 1, 3, 9

Code Name Badass: The True Story of Virginia Hall. Heather Demetrios. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 384 pp. ISBN 978-1534431874, \$19.99. (M, H) American-born Virginia Hall was a fierce and bold force behind enemy lines in World War II. She defied societal expectations and gender restrictions, even after losing a leg, to become one of the Gestapo's most wanted spies. Note on Research, Code Names, Other Espionage Heroines of World War II. (BL) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9

A Face for Picasso: Coming of Age with Crouzon Syndrome. Ariel Henley. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 378pp. ISBN 978-0374314071, \$18.99. (H) This young-adult memoir explores beauty and identity. Written by one of the first twins to survive Crouzon syndrome, a rare condition requiring numerous appearance-altering surgeries, this book discusses the physical and emotional toll of navigating life with a facial disfigurement. Author's Note. (LBW) 4, 2

Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee. Julie Leung. Illustrated by Julie Kwon. Little, Brown BYR. 329pp. ISBN 978-0759554955, \$18.99. (P) This inspiring picture book biography is about Hazel Ying Lee, the first Chinese American woman to fly for the U.S. military. Informational Text. Author's Note and additional multimedia resources. (SLR) 1, 2, 5

Flip! How the Frisbee Took Flight. Margaret Muirhead. Illustrated by Adam Gustavson. Charlesbridge. 36pp. ISBN 978-1580898805, \$17.99. (I) This charming picture book biography about the inventor of the Frisbee follows the twists and turns of innovation and highlights the persistence it takes to succeed. Author's Note. (SLR) 2, 7, 8

Harriet Tubman: Toward Freedom. Whit Taylor. Illustrated by Kazimir Lee. Little, Brown BYR. 112pp. ISBN 978-0759555518, \$12.99. (M, H) A detailed and authentic account of Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad missions.

Thoughtfully illustrated, this book offers keen insight into Tubman's mentality as an abolitionist and activist for women's suffrage. Includes Panel Discussions, Story Notes, and Bibliography and Suggested Readings. (CLN) 3, 6, 10

I Am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story. Martha Brockenbrough and Grace Lin. Illustrated by Julia Kuo. Little, Brown BYR. 40pp. ISBN 978-0316426923, \$18.99. (P) This important picture book introduces readers to the young man who challenged the Supreme Court for his right to be an American citizen and won, confirming birthright citizenship for all Americans. Includes Map of San Francisco in 1885, Photos, and Timeline. (SLR) 1, 5, 6

King Of Ragtime: The Story Of Scott Joplin. Written and illustrated by Stephen Costanza. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 56pp. ISBN 978-1534410367, \$17.99. (P, I) A picture book biography about composer Scott Joplin, son of a man who was once enslaved and composer of the famed "Maple Leaf Rag." A rhythmic story about the man whose ragtime music paved the way for jazz. Amazing and warm illustrations match the melody of the text. Author's Note, Recommended Listening, and Bibliography. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

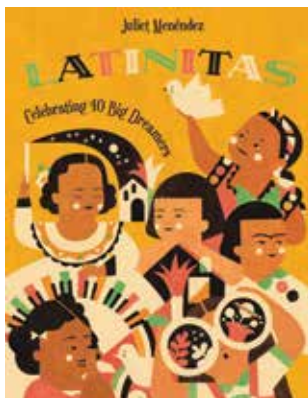
Latinitas. Juliet Menéndez. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 120pp. ISBN 978-1250234629, \$18.99. (I) An anthology of brief biographies about influential Latina women from different parts of the Americas. Includes well-known women like Justice Sonia Sotomayor as well as lesser-known women like forensic anthropologist Mercedes Doretti and spy Policarpa Salavarrieta. (KVH) 1, 4, 9

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Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites. Debbi Michiko Florence and Jamie Michalak. Illustrated by Yuko Jones. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 40pp. ISBN 978-0374313876, \$18.99. (P, I) Ever since she was a child, Niki Nakayama loved inventing recipes. Despite being told that a woman couldn't be a master chef, she opened her own restaurants and developed a unique style of food storytelling. Includes Ingredients, Kuyashii, Kaiseki, Wonton Pizza Recipe. (NNR) 4, 3, 1

Nina. Traci Todd. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 56 pp. ISBN 978-1524737283, \$18.99. (P) Before Nina Simone became a jazz legend and activist, she was known as Eunice. This book explores how Nina Simone's early experiences with racism and developing her musical talent influenced her career and activism. Author's Note, Bibliography. (KVH) 4, 6, 10

My Name is Bana. Bana Alabed. Illustrated by Nez Riaz. Simon & Schuster / Salaam Reads. 37pp. ISBN 978-1534412484, \$17.99. (P) Young activist Bana Alabed recounts events during the Syrian civil war and the 2016 siege of Aleppo from a child's perspective. Includes Author's Note and a message for children and adults. (KW) 2, 3, 6, 10

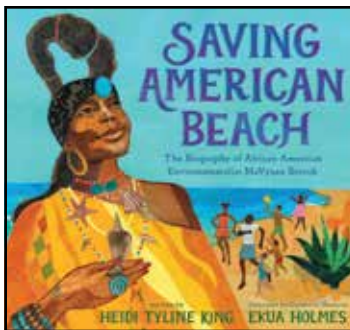


A Plan for the People: Nelson Mandela's Hope for His Nation. Lindsey McDivitt. Illustrated by Charly Palmer. Eerdmans Publishing Co. / Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 46pp. ISBN 978-0802855022, \$18.99. (I, M) This richly illustrated biography about the life of Nelson Mandela discusses the history of apartheid as well as the African National Congress, the anti-apartheid political party Mandela led. (LE) 3, 5, 6, 10

A Queen to the Rescue: The Story of Henrietta Szold, Founder of Hadassah.

Nancy Churnin. Illustrated by Yevgenia Nayberg. Creston Books. 40pp. ISBN 978-1939547958, \$18.99. (M) Modeling her life after the biblical Queen Esther, Henrietta Szold offered emergency medical care, in 1912, to Jewish mothers and children in Palestine. During World War II, she rescued Jewish children from the Holocaust. Author's Note, Bibliography, Timeline. (LBW) 4, 5, 2

Right Now! Real Kids Speaking Up for Change. Miranda Paul. Illustrated by Bea Jackson. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 40 pp. ISBN 978-0358137320, \$17.99. (P, I) This book spotlights 11 young people—such as climate activist Greta Thunberg, anti-bullying advocate Jaylen Arnold, and peace activist Bana Alabed—who didn't wait to be grownups before speaking out for a better world. Author's Note, Actions to Make a Difference, Additional Resources. (SA) 10, 3



Rock by Rock: The Fantastical Garden of Nek Chand. Jennifer Bradbury. Illustrated by Sam Broughton. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 48 pp. ISBN 978-1481481823, \$17.99. (P) Learn about Nek Chand's magical garden, created from found objects to remind him of his village in India. His creation was ultimately saved by the community from destruction. Timeline, Author's Note. (CH) 1, 2, 3

Runaway: The Daring Escape Of Ona Judge. Ray Anthony Shepard. Illustrated by Keith Mallett. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 40pp. ISBN 978-0374307042, \$18.99. (P, I) This poetic biography describes the life of Ona Judge, enslaved by George and Martha Washington. Despite her relative "soft" treatment, Judge risked everything for the freedom she knew was her right. Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Places to Visit. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

✿ Saving American Beach. Heidi Tyline King. Illustrated by Ekua Holmes. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 40pp. ISBN 978-1101996294, \$17.99. (P) This book details the life and activism of MaVynee Betsch, who fought to save American Beach near Jacksonville, Florida. Betsch was determined to save the environment and a site of African American history. Author's Note and Illustrator's Note. (SES) 3, 5, 10

She Persisted: Clara Lemlich. Deborah Heiligman and Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger and Gillian Flint. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 80pp. ISBN 978-0593115725, \$5.99. (I) An early chapter book biography of Clara Lemlich, an immigrant and advocate

for workers' rights and safety. This book is part of the She Persisted series. References. (JT) 3, 2

She Persisted: Claudette Colvin. Lesa Cline-Ransome and Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger and Gillian Flint. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 80pp. ISBN 978-0593115848, \$5.99. (P, I, M) This book traces the life of Claudette Colvin from birth through participation in the landmark *Browder v. Gayle* case that led to the desegregation of city buses in Montgomery, Alabama. Includes How You Can Persist, References. (NNR) 5, 6, 2

She Persisted: Maria Tallchief. Christine Day and Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger and Gillian Flint. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 55pp. ISBN 978-0593115817, \$5.99. (I, M) A biography from the She Persisted series. Learn all about Maria Tallchief, an acclaimed prima ballerina and Native American Activist. Includes suggestions for how readers can persist. (LE) 3, 4

She Persisted: Ruby Bridges. Kekla Magoon and Chelsea Clinton. Illustrated by Alexandra Boiger and Gillian Flint. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 80pp. ISBN 978-0593115879, \$14.99 (I) In this outstanding informational text biography, readers learn about the amazing life of Ruby Bridges—and how she persisted. Introduction by Chelsea Clinton, black-and-white illustrations, and ways readers can follow in Ruby Bridges' footsteps and make a difference. (SLR) 2, 6, 10

Song for Jimi: The Story of Guitar Legend Jimi Hendrix. Charles R. Smith Jr. Illustrated by Edel Rodriguez. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 52pp. ISBN 978-0823443338, \$22.99. (P) This colorful picture book biography of Jimi Hendrix's childhood and life is written in melodic verse and song structure with an electric kaleidoscope of illustrations. Author's Note, Timeline, Personal Playlist, Discography Suggestions. (KW) 1, 3, 4

Sprouting Wings. Louisa Jaggar and Shari Becker. Illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 48 pp. ISBN 978-1984847621, \$17.99. (P) From a young age, James Herman Banning dreamed of a "flying machine." Overcoming years of racial prejudice, in 1932, with the support of African American communities across the country, he made his dream come true, piloting a 21-day cross-country trip. (CH) 2, 8

Stitch by Stitch: Cleve Jones and the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Rob Sanders. Illustrated by Jamey Christoph. Magination Press. 40pp. ISBN 978-1433837395, \$17.99. (I) Cleve Jones began stitching panels for the AIDS Memorial Quilt, in 1987. It grew into a huge public arts project that has toured the world, helping increase awareness about HIV and AIDS. Includes Discussion Guide, Glossary, Cleve Jones Biography, Meet Gert McMullin, For Further Reading, AIDS Memorial Quilt Timeline, The First Decade of AIDS in America Timeline, and Stitch by Stitch poem. (CLN) 3, 4, 10

Stitch by Stitch: Elizabeth Hobbs Keckly Sews Her Way To Freedom. Connie Schofield-Morrison. Illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon. Holiday House. 48pp. ISBN 978-0823439638, \$18.99. (M, H) Even though born into slavery, Elizabeth learned to read, write, and sew. Her superior sewing skills allowed her to purchase her own freedom. She created spectacular gowns for many women including Mrs. Jefferson Davis and Mary Todd Lincoln. (BL) ①, ②, ③, ④, ⑤

The Story of Bodri. Héidi Fried. Illustrated by Stina Wirsén. Eerdmans Publishing Co. / Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 26pp. ISBN 978-0802855657, \$17.99. (I) This book centers on the story of Héidi Fried's faithful childhood dog, Bodri, while providing an introduction to the Holocaust for young readers. An Author's Note is included at the beginning of the book. (KW) ⑤, ⑥

The Stuff Between the Stars: How Vera Rubin Discovered Most of the Universe. Sandra Nickel. Illustrated by Aimée Sicuro. Abrams / Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48 pp. ISBN 978-1419736261, \$18.99. (I) Even as a child, Vera Rubin kept her eyes on the stars. As a female astronomer, her ideas were often dismissed, until her new discoveries opened understanding about the dark matter that fills our universe. (CH) ⑧

Try It! How Frieda Caplan Changed the Way We Eat. Mara Rockliff. Illustrated by Giselle Potter. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 32pp. ISBN 978-1534460072, \$17.99. (P) This biography chronicles the life of Frieda Caplan, who worked in a Los Angeles produce market in the 1950s. Caplan sold fruits and vegetables that were unusual at the time (like fresh mushrooms and kiwi). Her adventurous products helped change the American diet. (SES) ③, ①, ⑨

Unbound: The Life and Art of Judith Scott. Joyce Scott, Brie Spangler, and Melissa Sweet. Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Alfred A. Knopf. 44pp. Trade ISBN: 978-0525648116, \$17.99. (P, I) This is a touching story about artist Judith Scott, who was born with Down Syndrome and institutionalized as a child, as told by her twin sister. Judith Scott went on to become a renowned artist. Author's Note, Timeline and Explanation of Down Syndrome. (LE) ③, ④

Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre. Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. 45pp. ISBN 978-1541581203, \$17.99 (I, M, H) Powerful illustrations bring to life the tragic story of Greenwood, a wealthy African American district in Tulsa, Oklahoma, burnt to the ground by a violent white mob in 1921. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, and many pictures. (LE) ③, ⑤

What's in Your Pocket? Collecting Nature's Treasures. Heather Montgomery. Illustrated by Maribel Lechuga. Charlesbridge. 48pp. ISBN 978-1623541224, \$17.99. (P, I) Meet nine scientists who, as kids, explored the great

outdoors collecting treasures like fossils and worms. Observing, sorting and classifying their finds taught these kids scientific skills and led to groundbreaking discoveries. Author's Note, Historical Note. (LBW) ③, ⑧

Who is Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez? (Who HQ) Kirsten Anderson. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 49pp. ISBN 978-0593226407, \$4.99. (M) This middle-grades biography about Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the youngest woman ever elected to Congress, includes a fact sheet about The Green New Deal, a Timeline of Ocasio-Cortez's life, a world Timeline, and a Bibliography. (KW) ③, ⑤, ⑩

Who is Jane Goodall? (A Who Was? Board Book). Lisbeth Kaiser. Illustrated by Stanley Chow. Penguin Young Readers / Rise x Penguin Workshop. 24pp. ISBN 978-0593223420, \$7.99. (P, I) This Board Book biography features Jane Goodall's amazing and meaningful life. Her discoveries changed what we know about chimpanzees and helped us see how to treat animals better and take care of their habitats. Includes Historical Note. (LBW) ③, ⑧

Yayoi Kusama (You Should Meet). May Nakamura. Illustrated by Alexandra Badiu. Simon & Schuster / Simon Spotlight. 48 pp. ISBN 978-1534495654, \$4.99. (P, I) Readers will be inspired by Yayoi Kusama's determination to become an artist in Japan despite the obstacles. Her unique art and polka dot designs create highly engaging illustrations. (KVH) ④, ⑨

Your Life Matters. Chris Singleton. Illustrated by Taylor Barron. Bushel & Peck Books 45pp. ISBN 978-1952239311, \$17.99. (P, I) An uplifting book that spotlights such heroes of Black history as Maya Angelou, Martin Luther King, Jr., Katherine Johnson, and others. Includes a biography about each Hero-mentor. (LE) ①, ④



CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS

Areli is a Dreamer. Areli Morales. Illustrated by Luisa Uribe. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 40pp. ISBN 978-1984893994, \$17.99 (P) In her debut picture book, Areli Morales, DACA Dreamer, describes her immigration story, coming from Mexico to New York. This is a beautiful account of hardship and resilience. Author's Note, Glossary. (JT) ④, ③, ①

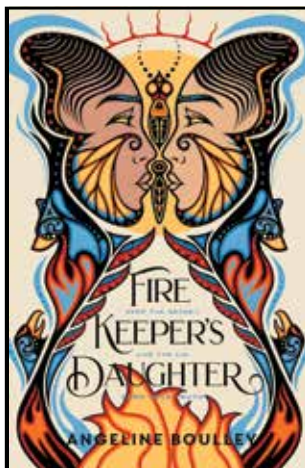
Art of Protest: Creating, Discovering, and Activating Art for Your Revolution. De Nichols. Illustrated by Molly Mendoza, Diana Dagadita, Olivia Twist, and Raul Oprea. Candlewick Press / Big Picture Press. 80 pp. ISBN 978-1536223255, \$19.99. (M, H) Part history lesson and part art tutorial, this book explores protest art around the world. Readers are encouraged to study well-known symbols and protest art in different mediums and then create their own art. Additional Sources List. (KVH) ④, ⑤, ⑩

A Shot in the Arm!: Big Ideas That Changed the World

#3. Don Brown. Abrams / Amulet Books. 144pp. ISBN 978-1419750014, \$13.99. (I) A graphic novel that explores the history of vaccinations and the struggle to protect people from infectious diseases—from smallpox to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is one in a series of books about Big Ideas that Changed the World. Timeline, Bibliography, Author's Note, Index. (TSS) **1, 2, 8, 9**

The Book Collectors: A Band of Syrian Rebels and the Stories That Carried Them Through a War. Delphine Minoui. Translated by Lara Minogue. Macmillan Publishers / Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 208 pp. ISBN 978-0374115166, \$25.00. (H) A journalist chronicles the true story of young men in a bombed Syrian town who run a hidden library. The secret library provides a sanctuary and offers hope to the community under siege. Author's Note. (KVH) **5, 9, 10**

Bright Star. Yuyi Morales. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 40pp. ISBN 978-0823443284, \$18.99. (P, I) Alternating between English and Spanish, this is the story of a whitetail fawn, born in the borderlands between the U.S. and Mexico. She and her mother are separated while attempting to cross at The Wall. The fawn then becomes a child and discovers a community of other migrant children traveling alone. Exquisite illustrations depict the harsh and beautiful flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert. Author/ Illustrator Statements. (KJH) **3, 6, 9**



Call and Response: The Story of Black Lives Matter. Veronica Chambers with Jennifer Harlan. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books / Versify. 160 pp. ISBN 978-0358573418, \$21.99. (M, H) Photographs, quotes, and engaging writing describe the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, from the streets of Ferguson to George Floyd. Chambers, who covered the events as a journalist, shines a spotlight on the motivations of the BLM founders and protestors. Author's Note, Interviews with BLM leaders. (KVH) **3, 6, 10**

Calvin. JR and Vanessa Ford. Illustrated by Kayla Harren. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 29pp. ISBN 978-0593108673, \$16.99. (P) Calvin always knew he was a boy in his "heart and brain" even though the world saw him as a girl. This story demonstrates what it means to make someone feel seen, safe, and affirmed. Author's Note. (KW) **3, 4**

A Day for Rememberin': Inspired by the True Events of the First Memorial Day. Leah Henderson. Illustrated by Floyd Cooper. Abrams / Abrams Books for Young Readers. 38pp. ISBN 978-1419736308, \$18.99. (I) Through the eyes of a young boy in Charleston, South Carolina, this book tells the story of the first Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day. Includes an Author's Note, a Note about the Roots of Decoration Day in 1865, Timeline, a List of Other Cities with Claims of Being the Birthplace of Memorial Day. (KW) **5, 10**

The Disability Experience: Working Toward Belonging. Hannalora Leavitt. Illustrated by Belle Wuthrich. Orca Book

Publishers. 192 pp. ISBN 978-1459819283, \$20.88. (H) This book, written by an author who is vision impaired, serves as a primer for discussing disabilities, particularly those with visible and cognitive disabilities. Includes Glossary. (CH) **2, 4**

Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century. Edited by Alice Wong. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 336pp. ISBN 978-0593381670, \$17.99. (M, H) Adapted for young adult readers, Wong's *Disability Visibility* anthology spotlights 17 diverse voices of people living with disabilities. (SES) **3, 4**

Drawn Across Borders: True Stories of Human Migration. Written and illustrated by George Butler. Candlewick Press / Candlewick Studio. 47pp. ISBN 978-1536217759, \$18.99. (M) Through stunning ink and watercolor drawings, George Butler documents migration around the globe, sourced from 10 years of reporting humanitarian crises. The first-hand accounts humanize stories of migration. (KW) **2, 3, 5, 6, 9**

Finding Home: The Journey of Immigrants and Refugees. Jen Sookfong Lee. Illustrated by Drew Shannon. Orca Book Publishers. 120pp. ISBN 978-1459818996, \$24.95. (M, H) This illustrated and photo-documented collection of immigrant and refugee stories from North America describes the "push factors" that drive people to leave their home. Glossary. (KJH) **5, 6, 9**

Firekeeper's Daughter. Angeline Boulley. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 320 pp. ISBN 978-1250766564, \$10.99. (H) A powerful story about a young Ojibwe woman learning to live in two cultures. Although written as a mystery, the 18-year-old protagonist confronts many issues faced by indigenous communities including racism, drug abuse, and sexual assault. Author's Note and Additional Sources List. (KVH) **1, 3, 5**

History Smashers: Plagues and Pandemics. Kate Messner. Illustrated by Falyynn Koch. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 231 pp. ISBN 978-0593120408, \$7.99. (I) A timely, engaging graphic novel/narrative busting myths about disease, germs, and the science behind treatments from across the globe, so readers can acquire an accurate understanding and make informed decisions. Glossary. (CH) **8, 9**

Home Is in Between. Mitali Perkins. Illustrated by Lavanya Naidu. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 37pp. ISBN 978-0374303679, \$18.99. (P, I) Shanti moves between two worlds and explores how to define home. This is a lovely picture book about navigating multiple cultures and embracing home "in between." Author's Note, Glossary. (LBW) **1, 4, 9**

How to be a Global Citizen. DK. 160pp. ISBN 978-0744029956, \$19.99 (M,H) This informational text explores how to understand our world and the issues facing it, including the climate crisis, racism, rights for LGBTQ people, and disinformation. Glossary. (LE) **4, 5, 10**

How to Become an Accidental Activist. Elizabeth MacLeod & Frieda Wishinsky. Illustrated by Jenn Playford. Orca Book Publishers. 119pp. ISBN 978-1459826113, \$24.99. (M, H) This book spotlights stories of everyday people fighting for change on global issues such as the climate emergency, equal access to school, and political protests. Glossary, Resources. (LE) 2, 3, 10

I Is for Immigrant. Selina Alko. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Company. 40pp. ISBN 978-1250237866, \$18.99. (P) This colorful, heartwarming alphabet book is a celebration of immigrants and their valuable contributions to our country—D is for Dreamers, dumplings, diversity, and Day of the Dead. Author's Note. (CLN) 1, 3, 4

Linked. Gordon Korman. Scholastic / Scholastic Inc. 256pp. ISBN 978-1338629118, \$17.99. (I, M) When a swastika appears in the main hall of Chokecherry Middle School, the community is aghast. As more swastikas appear, students come together to stand against hate. Author's Note. (NNR) 4, 5, 2

Love the Earth: Understanding Climate Change, Speaking up for Solutions, and Living an Earth-Friendly Life. Mel Hammand. Illustrated by Monique Dong. American Girl Publishing. 88pp. ISBN 978-1683371786. \$9.99. (I) Ideas and information about the climate emergency, solutions, and how to live an Earth-friendly life. Full of quizzes, crafts, party ideas, and a science experiment. (TSS) 3, 7, 9

The Many Meanings of Meilan. Andrea Wang. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 368pp. ISBN 978-0593111284. \$17.99. (I, M) Meilan's family leaves Boston's Chinatown for a fresh start in rural Ohio. At her new school, the principal suggests that she use "an American name." Meilan struggles to separate her identities at school and at home. Author's Note about Transliteration of Mandarin and Chinese, Māma's Meanings, For Further Reading, Books About the Vietnam War, Books About Veterans Day, Books About PTSD. (NNR) 2, 4, 1

My Sister, Daisy. Adria Karlsson. Illustrated by Linus Curci. Capstone / Capstone Editions. 32pp. ISBN 978-1684463848, \$17.99. (P) An older brother reacts to his younger sibling's gender transformation. While adjusting to his new reality, he feels confused and uncertain, but he loves his sister and celebrates her identity. Author's Note. (SA) 4

My Two Border Towns. David Bowles. Illustrated by Erika Meza. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 40pp. ISBN 978-0593111048, \$17.99. (P) A stunning picture book about a boy's life visiting his favorite places at the U.S.-Mexico border with his father and caring for those he loves on The Other Side. Available in English and Spanish. (JT) 3, 1, 4

Milo Imagines the World. Matt de la Peña. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. Penguin Young Readers / Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 40pp. ISBN 978-0399549083, \$18.99. (P, I) A beautiful book that describes

a child's visit to his incarcerated mother. It conveys Milo's keen observations about his surroundings, and his message: "Maybe you can't really know anyone just by looking at their face." (SA) 4, 5

The Other Talk: Reckoning with Our White Privilege. Brendan Kiely. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 272pp. ISBN 978-1534494046, \$18.99. (M, H) "The Talk" that Black parents have with their children is to instruct them how to stay safe in a racist world. *The Other Talk* begins the conversation for white kids, in a relatable, honest way, to understand white privilege and the importance of allyship. Introduction by Jason Reynolds, Author's Note, Some People I Listened To and Learned From Who Influenced the Writing of This Book. (CLN) 4, 5, 6

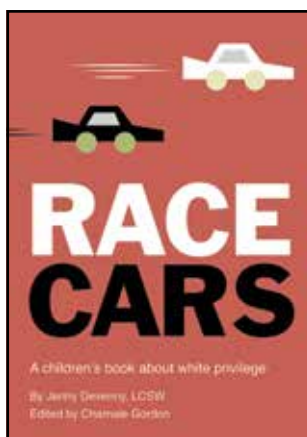
Parker Shines On: Another Extraordinary Moment. Parker Curry and Jessica Curry. Illustrated by Brittany Jackson. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 128pp. ISBN 978-1534454743, \$17.99. (P) A heartwarming tale about real-life Parker, who wants to be a ballerina. When she makes a new friend who is a more advanced dancer, Parker learns about self-expression and helping others. Afterword by prima ballerina Misty Copeland. (SA) 4

The Passover Guest. Susan Kusel. Illustrated by Sean Rubin. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 31pp. ISBN 978-0823445622, \$18.99. (P) A retelling of *The Magician: An Adaptation from the Yiddish of I. L. Peretz* set in spring 1933, during the Great Depression. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Note about the Passover Holiday. (KW) 1, 3, 5

Race Cars: A Children's Book About White Privilege. Written and illustrated by Jenny Devenny. Quarto / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 40pp. ISBN 978-0711262904, \$17.99. (P) This is the story of a white car and a black car who are best friends but have different experiences and face different rules while entering the same race. Includes notes and activities to help guide parents, guardians, and teachers in conversation. (JT) 3, 4, 2

Recognize: An Anthology Honoring and Amplifying Black Life. Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 160pp. ISBN 978-0593381595, \$11.99. (M, H) A follow-up to *The Talk: Conversations About Race, Love & Truth*, this is a collection of 20+ short stories, poems and informational commentary. Includes important writings by historical Black figures (Frederick Douglass) and full-color pages with artwork. Biography of each contributor. (KJH) 2, 5, 6

Rez Dogs. Joseph Bruchac. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. ISBN 978-0593326213, \$16.99. (M) Inspired by oral storytelling and written in verse, this novel describes Malian's visit to her grandparents on the Wabanaki Reservation when the COVID-19 pandemic hits. While navigating the pandemic, she meets and befriends a rez dog named Malsum. (KW) 1, 2, 3, 9



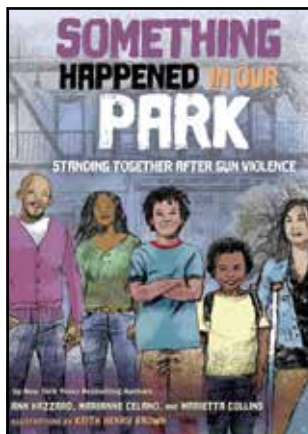
Rise Up! How You Can Join the Fight Against White Supremacy. Crystal Marie Fleming. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 230pp. ISBN 978-1250226389, \$19.99. (H) By breaking down the origins of racial injustice and connecting the dots between past and present, this book shares actionable ways young people can help create a more inclusive world. Includes Index. (LBW) 10, 6, 2

Shelter. Christie Matheson. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 192 pp. ISBN 978-0593376386, \$16.99. (I, M) Not only must Maya deal with fifth-grade friend problems, but she also worries about how she will spend her free time at the homeless shelter. This powerful story explores the multiple causes of homelessness and how to develop empathy for people living in different social circumstances. (KVH) 4, 5

Shelter: Homelessness in Our Community. Lois Peterson. Illustrated by Taryn Gee. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 108pp. ISBN 978-1459825536, \$24.95. (I) This book explores the systemic factors behind people who experience homelessness, and provides ideas, guides, and resources for addressing homelessness in your community. Glossary, Resources. (KW) 3, 10

Something Happened in Our Park: Standing Together After Gun Violence.

Ann Hazzard, Marianne Celano, and Marietta Collins. Illustrated by Keith Henry Brown. Magination Press. 49pp. ISBN 978-1433835216, \$16.99. (P, I, M, H) Community organizing, imagination, and creativity help a town come together in the aftermath of gun violence. Includes an extensive reader's note with guidelines for discussing community gun violence, helping children cope with anxiety, and sample dialogues. (KW) 3, 5, 6, 10



Stamped for Kids: Racism, Antiracism, and You. Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. Adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul. Illustrated by Rachelle Baker. Little, Brown BYR. 176pp. ISBN 978-0316167581, \$15.99. (I) A simple adaptation of the best-selling book, *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* for young students who are ready to dive into the history of racism in our nation. (JT) 3, 4, 2

Take Back the Block. Chrystal Giles. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 240 pp. ISBN 978-0593175170, \$16.99. (I, M) This inspiring story follows sixth-grader Wes as he learns the importance of activism, fighting alongside the citizens of Kensington Oaks to save their neighborhood from a real estate developer. Explores contemporary issues like gentrification, social class, and justice. (KVH) 5, 6, 10

Teo's Tutu. Maryann Jacob Macias. Illustrated by Alea Marley. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books for Young Readers. 32pp. ISBN 978-1984815521, \$17.99. (P) Téó loves to dance the cumbia with Papí, the bhangra with Amma, and ballet in class with Miss Lila. He also loves his tutu! This story of a boy's first recital celebrates gender-creativity and joy. (CLN) 3, 4

Three Lines in a Circle: The Exciting Life of the Peace Symbol. Michael G. Long. Illustrated by Carlos Velez. Flyaway Books. 40pp. ISBN 978-1947888326, \$18.00. (P) This informational book tells the story of the peace symbol, from 1958 to the modern day. The boldly illustrated story provides an inspirational message to those working to create social change. Includes A Short History of the Peace Symbol and A Partial Timeline of Peaceful Protests Since 1958. (CLN) 2, 5, 10

Unbound: My Story of Liberation and the Birth of the Me Too Movement. Tarana Burke. Macmillan Publishers / Flatiron Books. 320 pp. ISBN 978-1250621733, \$28.99. (M, H) Tarana Burke shares a painful yet powerful life story full of possibility, empathy, and inspiration as she describes her journey to becoming an activist and "Me Too" movement founder. (SA) 4, 10, 2

The Water Lady. Alice B. McGinty. Illustrated by Shonto Begay. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz and Wade Books 45pp. ISBN 978-0525645009, \$17.99. (P, I) Nearly 40% of families in the Navajo nation don't have access to water. But Darlene Arviso, aka the water lady, makes sure that no one goes thirsty. Author's Note, Note From the Water Lady. (LE) 1, 4, 7

We Are a Garden: A Story of How Diversity Took Root in America.

Lisa Westberg Peters. Illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz and Wade Books. 40pp. ISBN 978-0593123133, \$17.99. (P, I) "Long ago a strong wind blew. It blew people, like seeds, to a new land." The wind dispersed men who sought gold, slave ships, and immigrants. This beautiful book examines centuries of North American history and people. Glossary, A Note About This Story, Sources. (CLN) 2, 3, 9

We the People and the President. PJ Creek and Jamie Creek. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 45pp. ISBN 978-1626724693, \$19.99. (M, H) Learn all about the president and government through colorful infographics. Voting rights, gerrymandering, and women's suffrage are all covered in this easy-to-read book. Detailed source page. (LE) 5, 6, 10

What Are Your Words?: A Book about Pronouns. Katherine Locke. Illustrated by Anne Passchier. Little, Brown BYR. 40 pp. ISBN 978-0316542067, \$17.99. (P) Follow Ari and his uncle on a walk through the neighborhood and explore how individuals can identify how they see themselves by the pronouns they choose to use. (CH) 2, 4

What Is Black Lives Matter? (Who HQ) Lakita Wilson. Illustrated by Gregory Copeland. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 55 pp. ISBN 978-0593385883, \$4.99. (I) A great addition to a popular series, this book explains the founding of the Black Lives Matter Movement through to the protests of 2020. Explores complex topics and ideas in a way young readers can understand. (KVH) 5, 6, 10

When We Make It. Elisabet Velasquez. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. 375pp. ISBN 978-0593324486, \$19.99. (H) See the

world through Sarai's eyes, a first-generation Puerto Rican teen in Bushwick, New York. Determined to reckon with trauma and social stigma, Sarai's power and poetry will inspire all those "taught to believe they would not make it." (BRP) 3, 5, 4

When We Say Black Lives Matter. Maxine Beneba Clarke. Candlewick Press. 32pp. ISBN 978-1536222388, \$16.99. (P) Award-winning author, Maxine Beneba Clarke, celebrates the meaning of the words "Black Lives Matter." In this story, a Black child's parents explain what the term means to them, in protest and in song, in joy and in sorrow. (TSS) 1, 2, 5

Wild Tongues Can't Be Tamed: 15 Voices from the Latinx Diaspora. Edited by Saracia J. Fennell. Macmillan Publishers / Flatiron Books. 272pp. ISBN 978-1250763426, \$18.99. (H) A myriad of powerful Latinx voices come together to share the beauty and cultures of the Latinx diaspora, and the pain of myths and stereotypes. Discussion Questions. (JT) 4, 1, 3

You Can't Say That! Writers for Young People Talk About Censorship, Free Expression, and the Stories They Have to Tell. Leonard S. Marcus. Candlewick Press. 201pp. ISBN 978-0763690366, \$18.99. (H) Historian Leonard S. Marcus interviews 13 authors of books for young people whose work has been challenged or banned in the United States. Selected Readings by Each Interviewee, Index. (KW) 6, 7, 10

ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/ECOLOGY

Amara and the Bats. Written and illustrated by Emma Reynolds. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 48pp. ISBN 978-1534469013, \$17.99. (P) Young Amara learns that the habitat for bats is declining, which encourages her and her classmates to campaign for a nature preserve in a nearby park. *Amara and the Bats* showcases the power of youth activism. (SES) 3, 8, 10

Fatima's Great Outdoors. Ambreen Tariq. Illustrated by Stevie Lewis. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 40 pp. ISBN 978-1984816955, \$17.99. (P) Fictional story describing how families from all different backgrounds can experience the fun of camping. Fatima learns how her parents' childhoods in India taught them skills for surviving in the great outdoors. (KVH) 3, 4, 9

The First Blade of Sweetgrass: A Native American Story. Suzanne Greenlaw and Gabriel Frey. Illustrated by Nancy Baker. Tilbury House. 29pp. ISBN 978-0884487609, \$18.95. (P) Inspired by the true story of a Maliseet mother, a Passamaquoddy father, and their daughter learning about picking sweetgrass for basket making. Authors' Note, Passamaquoddy Maliseet Glossary, Listening Link to Passamaquoddy Maliseet Language Portal. (KW) 1, 3, 5, 9

The Great Stink. Colleen Paeff. Illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books. 40 pp. ISBN 978-1534449299, \$17.99. (P, I) This engaging biography describes the 1858 Cholera outbreak in London, and engineer Joseph Bazalgette's attempts to improve the city sewer system. Timeline,

Description of Waste Management Today, Author's Note, Bibliography, Future Reading List. (KVH) 3, 8, 10

The Little Owl & the Big Tree: A Christmas Story. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 32pp. ISBN 978-1665902137, \$17.99 (P) A sweet story about an owl uprooted with her home to find that her new surroundings are none other than Rockefeller Center for the holiday season. Based on true events. Author's Note. (JT) 3, 8, 2

FOLK TALES

Peacemaker. Joseph Bruchac. Penguin Young Readers Dial Books. 160pp. ISBN 978-1984815378, \$16.99. (I, M, H) In this historical novel, 12-year-old Okwaho's friend is kidnapped by a neighboring tribal nation. The Five Nations of the Iroquois have been at war for generations. A powerful storyteller arrives with a message of unity. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

The Three Princes of Serendip: New Tellings of Old Tales for Everyone. Rodaan Al Galidi. Illustrated by Geertje Aalders. Candlewick Press. 136pp. ISBN 978-1536214505, \$19.99. (I) Twenty translated fables and folktales from the Middle East are illustrated with intricate paper-cut drawings. Stories of sheiks, paupers, camels and caravans impart wisdom about love and acceptance, and warn against foolishness. Author, Illustrator, and Translator biographies. (KJH) 1, 4, 6

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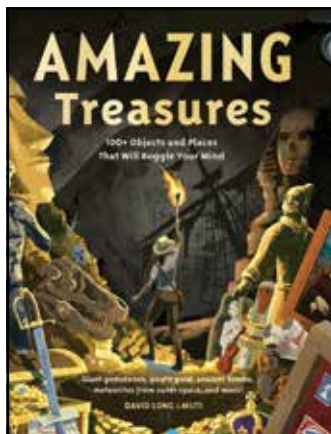
 **Amazing Treasures: 100+ Objects and Places That Will Boggle Your Mind.**

David Long. Illustrated by Muti. What on Earth Books. 60pp. ISBN 978-1912920501. \$24.00. (I, M) Discover 100+ of the world's most extraordinary human-made and natural treasures, over thousands of years and around the globe. Explores history, culture, geography and the environment. Glossary, Index. (LBW) 2, 3, 9

Borders. Thomas King. Illustrated by Natasha Donovan Little, Brown BYR. 192pp. ISBN 978-0316593069, \$9.99. (I, M) A mother and son find themselves caught between the United States and Canada, refusing to identify as anything other than Blackfoot. *Borders* offers insight into the meaning of citizenship from an Indigenous perspective. (SES) 3, 6, 10

Except Antarctica. Written and illustrated by Todd Sturgell. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore. 40pp. ISBN 978-1728233260, \$17.95. (P) A group of animals not found in Antarctica follows a turtle determined to change that. Great crossover book for science and social studies. Notes About Animals, Map of Antarctica, Glossary. (LE) 2, 8, 9

Glory: Magical Visions of Black Beauty. Kahran and Regis Bethencourt. Macmillan Publishers / St. Martin's Press. 256 pp. ISBN 978-1250204561, \$30.00. (HS) Stunning photographs and powerful essays about Black children and in celebration of Black beauty. Portrays stories of the future and the royal past and the pride of cultural diversity. Filled with empowering quotes. (CH) 1, 4, 9



I Dream of Popo. Livia Blackburne. Illustrated by Julia Kuo. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 28pp. ISBN 978-1250249319, \$18.99. (P) This touching story is about the relationship between a granddaughter and her grandmother (Popo) and how their bond stays strong when the girl and her family immigrate from Taiwan to San Diego. Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Glossary. (KW) 3, 9

Lunch Around the World. Jeanette Ferrara. Scholastic / Children's Press. 32pp. ISBN 978-1338768688, \$7.99. (P) Large, full color photographs and accompanying informational text explain the lunchtime cuisine and customs for students in different countries. Features midday meal cultures from Senegal, Japan, Spain, the U.S., India, China, South Korea, Pakistan, New Zealand, Canada, Mongolia and Brazil. Illustrated World Map, "Closer Look" at International Snacks, Glossary. (KJH) 1, 9

My America. Karen Katz. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt. 32 pp. ISBN 978-0805090123, \$17.99. (P) Playful illustrations share rich cultural traditions of children from across the globe and their immigration to the U.S. Each child shares something special from their native home and a greeting in that language. (CH) 1, 2, 9

New Year. Mei Zihan. Illustrated by Qin Leng. Greystone Kids / Aldana Libros. 56 pp. ISBN 978-1771647311, \$18.95. (I, M, H) A powerful picture book discussing cultural traditions of the Chinese New Year, family, continuity, change over time, and relocation. Portrayed through the eyes of a father missing his daughter. Many layers of discussion possible. (CH) 1, 3, 4, 9

The One Thing You'd Save. Linda Sue Park. Illustrated by Robert Sae-Heng. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 65pp. ISBN 978-1328515131, \$16.99. (I, M, H) Students are asked to pick one object to save in an emergency. This choice leads to exploration, discovery, and connection. The book is inspired by the Korean poetry form *sijo*, explained in the author's note. (KW) 1, 2, 3, 9

Samira Surfs. Rukhsanna Guidroz. Illustrated by Fahmida Azim. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 411pp. ISBN 978-1984816191, \$17.99. (M) This book in verse-form tells the story of Samira, a Rohingya refugee who finds comfort in learning to surf. Includes Author's Note, Resources for Further Reading. Both provide context for learning about persecution of the Rohingya. (KW) 1, 4, 5, 9

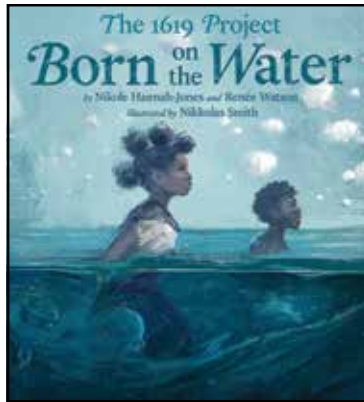
Welcome to the New World. Jake Halpern. Illustrated by Michael Sloan. Macmillan Publishers / Metropolitan Books. 192pp. ISBN 978-1250305596, \$21.99. (H) A graphic story presents the good, bad, and ugly of a Syrian family's immigration to America. Resettled in Connecticut, with little English, few friends, and less money, the family strives to create a new home. Includes Epilogue, Methodology, and Drawings by Adebah Aldabaan. (CLN) 1, 3, 9

We Shall Overcome. Written and illustrated by Bryan Collier. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 40 pp. ISBN 978-1338540376, \$15.99. (P) This book combines illustrations and song lyrics to teach about the impacts of the Civil Rights Movement. A young girl learns about the time, with images of civil rights landmarks and events depicted in the backdrop. Illustrator's Note. (KVH) 2, 3, 10

HISTORY/LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS

1619 Project: Born on the Water. Nikole Hannah-Jones and Renée Watson. Illustrated by Nikkolos Smith. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 48pp. Trade ISBN 978-0593307359, \$18.99. (I, M) A powerful story of Black freedom that details

African life and joy before enslavement, depicts the struggles and dreams that persisted during slavery, and the legacy of the people "born on the water." Authors' and Illustrator's Notes. (NNR) 2, 3, 5



An Equal Shot: How the Law Title IX Changed America. Helaine Becker. Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR) ISBN: 978-1250241955, \$19.99 (P, E) With compelling images, and calls to action appropriate for any age, this text profiles the journey to Title IX and gender equality in American law. Further Exploration, Action Steps. (BRP) 6, 5, 3, 2

Angel of Greenwood. Randi Pink. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Feiwel & Friends. 304 pp. ISBN 978-1250768476, \$10.99. (H) A fictional story describing the experiences and thoughts of Black teenagers before and during the Tulsa Race Massacre. Addresses important topics from a teen perspective. Author's Note. (KVH) 3, 5, 6

Buses Are a Comin': Memoir of a Freedom Rider. Charles Person with Richard Rooker. Macmillan Publishers / St. Martin's Publishing Group. 270pp. ISBN 978-1250836762, \$26.99. (H) Riding a bus from Washington, D.C., to New Orleans, Charles Person was the youngest Freedom Rider. He leads the Riders in the fight to defeat segregation (1961). This information text challenges today's youth to become transformation agents. Index. (CLN) 5, 6, 10

Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Jiménez, Daughter of the Nahua. Gloria Amescua. Illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams / Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. ISBN 978-1419740206, \$18.99 (I, M) Luz Jiménez was a Nahua model for famous artists and teacher of Nahuatl and Nahua culture. This illustrated biography recounts her life and passion for preserving Nahua culture and language. Author's Note, Artist's Note, Timeline, Glossary, Select Bibliography. (NNR) 1, 3, 9

Cuba in My Pocket. Adrianna Cuevas. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux. 736 pp. Trade ISBN 978-0374314675, \$16.99. (I, M) Twelve-year-old Cumba's family sends him to Florida alone so he's not forced into Fidel Castro's Young Rebel movement. The boy misses family and home in Cuba while struggling to adapt to U.S. life. Glossary. (SA) 4, 2, 9

Defiant: Growing Up in the Jim Crow South. Wade Hudson. Random House Children's Books / Crown Books for Young Readers. 272pp. ISBN 978-0593126356, \$17.99. (M, H) *Defiant* is an informational memoir about a young Black man growing up in the South during the Civil Rights Movement. Wade Hudson confronted laws and customs that marginalized and demeaned people. Afterword, Remembering, Timeline. (CLN) 4, 5, 6

Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Too Afraid to Ask (Young Readers Edition). Anton Treuer. Levine Querido. 383pp. ISBN 978-1646140459, \$18.99. (M, H) Written in Q&A format, quick-read excerpts are packed with information from this respected Ojibwe professor-author. Sprinkled with original B&W photos and primary source illustrations throughout. Conclusion: Finding Ways to Make a Difference, Recommended Reading, Index. (KJH) 1, 5, 6

Good Girls Don't Make History. Elizabeth Kiehner, Kara Coyle, and Keith Olwell. Illustrated by Micaela Dawn. Quarto / Wide Eyed Editions. 160 pp. ISBN 978-0711265424, \$17.99. A graphic novel that fluctuates between voting today and women who fought for suffrage over the course of 70 years. Encourages young people to continue the fight for voting equality. (CH) 2, 5, 6, 10

Grace Banker and Her Hello Girls Answer the Call: The Heroic Story of WWI Telephone Operators. Claudia Friddell. Illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley. Astra Publishing House / Calkins Creek. 40pp. ISBN 978-1684373505, \$18.99. (P, I) This powerful story chronicles the experience of Grace Banker and the women operating telephones for the U.S. Signal Corps in World War I France during bombings, fire and extreme weather to facilitate military communications. (SES) 5, 9, 6

Hold On to Your Music: The Inspiring True Story of The Children of Willesden Lane. Mona Golabek and Lee Chohen. Adapted by Emil Sher. Illustrated by Sonia Possentini. Little, Brown BYR. 40pp. ISBN 978-0316463133, \$18.99. (I, M) An inspiring story about the author's mother, who practiced piano to sustain herself, after being sent to London on the Kindertransport to escape the Nazis. Includes Dear Readers letter, Historical Background, Photos. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Home Is Not a Country. Safia Elhillo. Random House Children's Books / Make Me a World. 224 pp. ISBN 978-0593177051, \$17.99. (M, H) A 14-year-old Muslim Sudanese American girl shares feelings of invisibility, experiences of racism, and difficulties of finding friendship and community in a place that doesn't feel like home. Includes Glossary. (SA) 4, 9

If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving. Chris Newell. Illustrated by Winona Nelson. Scholastic / Scholastic Nonfiction. 96pp. ISBN 978-1338726374, \$15.39. (I) This dense nonfiction book describes the "First Thanksgiving" with an often overlooked and much-needed focus on the Wampanoag and other Native peoples. (NNR) 2, 3, 6

In the Shadow of the Fallen Towers. Don Brown. Illustrated by Christian Robinson. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 40 pp. ISBN 978-0358223573, \$19.99. (M, H) This nonfiction graphic novel chronicles the immediate aftermath and rippling effects of the 9/11 terrorist attacks including Islamophobia and war in Afghanistan. Contextualizes the history with individual stories. Afterword, Bibliography, Statistics. (SA) 2, 9, 3

Liberty's Civil Rights Road Trip. Michael W. Waters. Illustrated by Nicole Tadgell. Flyaway Books. 32pp. ISBN 978-1947888197, \$18.00. (P, I) A young girl named Liberty takes a bus trip with her family to cities in the South. Liberty visits landmarks from the Civil Rights Movement. Author's Note, Note about the Actual Sites. (LE) 3, 5, 6, 10

The List of Unspeakable Fears. J. Kasper Kramer. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 288pp. ISBN 978-1534480742, \$17.99. (I, M) This chilling middle grade historical novel tells the story of an anxious young girl learning to face her fears—and her ghosts—against the backdrop of the typhoid epidemic. (SLR) 2, 3, 4

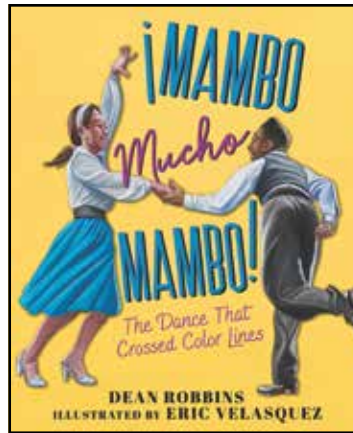
¡Mambo Mucho Mambo! The Dance That Crossed Color Lines. Dean Robbins. Illustrated by Eric Velasquez. Candlewick Press. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 978-1536206081, \$17.99. (I) In the 1940s,

people from different backgrounds danced but did not mix, and then came the Mambo. One night, in 1948, the Palladium in NYC challenged segregation and opened its doors to everyone to dance to the mambo. (CH) 1, 2, 3, 4

Mighty Inside. Sundee T. Frazier. Levine Querido. 248pp. ISBN 978-1646140916, \$17.99. (I) A coming-of-age story about a 14-year-old Black boy in 1955 Washington State at the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. Author's Note about her family experiences. (JT) 4, 2, 3

Nathan's Song. Leda Schubert. Illustrated by Maya Ish-Shalom. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. 32pp. ISBN 978-1984815781, \$17.99. (P, I) This Russian Jewish immigrant story was inspired by the author's grandfather, who came to New York in the early 1900s. He built a great life with hard work, enjoying family by his side, and singing in his heart. Author's Notes. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

Once Upon a Time There Was and Will Be So Much More. Written and illustrated by Johanna Schaible. Candlewick Press / Candlewick Studio. 56pp. ISBN 978-1536222135, \$18.99. (P, I) This book illustrates chronological thinking and asks readers to consider the past, present and future. The pages get smaller as time shrinks and larger as time expands. (SES) 1, 3



Papa's Free Day Party. Marilyn Nelson. Illustrated by Wayne Anthony Still. Just Us Books. 32pp. ISBN 978-0940975729, \$17.95. (P) *Papa's Free Day Party* tells the real story of the author's grandfather and his childhood in the years following emancipation. After Papa tells his grandchildren the story of his life, they decide to throw him a "Free Day" party to celebrate the day he found freedom. Author's Note, Primary Sources. (SES) 5, 2, 4

Picturing a Nation: The Great Depression's Finest Photographers Introduce America to Itself. Martin W. Sandler. Candlewick Press. 165 pp. ISBN 978-1536215250, \$24.99. (M) This informational text is a breath-taking photo-documentary of the Great Depression and the lives of people from four geographical regions of the United States who were impacted. Bibliography, Index. (SLR) 1, 2, 3

Race Against Time: The Untold Story of Scipio Jones and the Battle to Save Twelve Innocent Men. Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace. Astra Publishing House / Calkins Creek. 141pp. ISBN 978-1629798165. \$18.99 (I, M) In this key civil rights and social justice book for young readers, Scipio Africanus Jones—a self-taught attorney who was born enslaved—leads a momentous series of court cases to save 12 Black men unjustly sentenced to death. Bibliography, Government Documents, Periodicals, Index. (TSS) 6, 10

The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas. Maria Garcia Esperon. Translated by David Bowles. Illustrated by Amanda Mijangos. Levine Querido. 240pp. ISBN 978-1646140152. \$21.99. (M, H) This vibrantly illustrated collection features the sacred stories of a range of Indigenous cultures of the Americas, from the Maya, Nahua, Guarani and Taino to the Ojibwe, Alutiiq, and Oceti Sakowin. Includes Transcription of Indigenous Terms, Pronunciation Guide, A Quick Guide to Cultures, Glossary, Bibliography. (NNR) 9, 1, 3

Separate No More: The Long Road to Brown v. Board of Education. Lawrence Goldstone. Scholastic / Scholastic Focus. 288pp. ISBN 978-1338592832, \$18.99. (H) This informational and highly readable text traces the evolution of U.S. segregation from *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896) to *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) to Justice Sotomayor's dissent in *Schutte v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action* (2014). Bibliography, Index. (CLN) 2, 6, 10

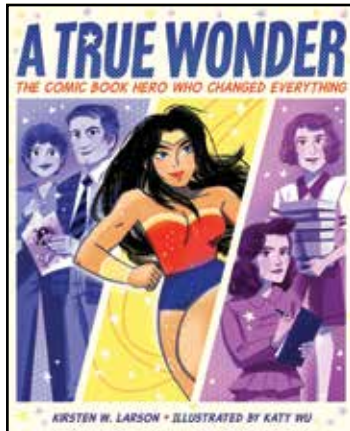
Somewhere in the Unknown World: A Collective Refugee Memoir. Kao Kalia Yang. Macmillan Publishers / Henry Holt. 272pp. ISBN 978-1250296856, \$17.99. (H) Author Kao Kalia Yang has compiled a remarkable collection of 14 stories from refugees who chose to call Minnesota home. (JT) 4, 1, 3

Survivor Tree. Marcie Colleen. Illustrated by Aaron Becker. Little, Brown BYR. 48pp. ISBN 978-0316487672, \$18.99 (P, I) One September day, the perfect blue sky exploded. Dust billowed. Buildings crumbled. And underneath it all, a tree sprouted green leaves. The true story of a pear tree that survived the collapse of the Twin Towers. The tree was moved and then returned to the spot of the memorial. Beautiful illustrations show

the tree through the seasons and its revival from the ashes. Author's Note, Artist's Note. (TSS) 2, 3

This Very Tree: A Story of 9/11, Resilience and Regrowth. Sean Rubin. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt. 48pp. ISBN 978-1250788504, \$18.99. (P, I) A moving tribute to the power of community told from the point-of-view of the Callery pear tree that survived the attacks on September 11, 2001. The "Survivor Tree" recovered and now provides hope at the 9/11 Memorial. Author's Note, Historical Note. (LBW) 2, 5

A True Wonder: The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything. Kristen Larson. Illustrated by Katy Wu. Harper-Collins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 40pp. ISBN 978-0358238423, \$17.99. (I, M, H) For many years, comic book characters and creators were men. In 1941, Bill Marston proposed a new kind of superhero: Wonder Woman! This book describes how the character went from an idea to a worldwide phenomenon. Includes The Origin Story... of This Book, The Women of *Wonder Woman*, Selected Reading. (NNR) 2, 3



Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Jeff Gottesfeld. Illustrated by Matt Tavares. Candlewick Press. 32pp. ISBN 978-1536201482, \$17.99. (I) A picture book to honor the men who keep vigil over the unnamed heroes entombed in Arlington, Virginia, and how those soldiers came to lie there. Afterword. (JT) 2, 5, 1

View from Pagoda Hill. Michaela Maccoll. Astra Publishing House / Calkins Creek. 360pp. ISBN 978-1629797823, \$17.99. (M) This historical fiction book is set in the late 1800s, and tells the story of Ning, a Chinese American girl who is forced to leave her home in Shanghai to go live in America. Author's Note, Sources of Inspiration, To Learn More. (SLR) 1, 2, 9

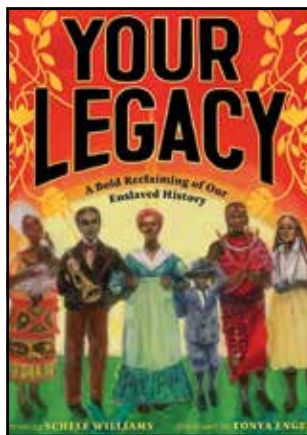
Watercress. Andrea Wang. Illustrated by Jason Chin. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 32pp. ISBN 978-0823446247, \$18.99. (P, I) Embarrassed about gathering watercress from a roadside ditch, a Chinese American girl learns to appreciate her ethnic heritage after learning why the plant is so important to her parents. Author's Notes, Artist's Note. (SA) 1, 4

We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know. Traci Sorell. Illustrated by Frané Lessac. Charlesbridge. 31pp. ISBN 978-0374389666, \$18.99. (E, M, H) Through a students' celebration of Indigenous People's Day, examine the truths of Native American relocation, self-determination, removal, allotment, and Indigenous activism in a colorful and accessible text. Timeline, Glossary, Author's Note, Supporting Information. (BRP) 1, 6, 3, 4

We Can: Portraits of Power. Tyler Gordon. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus, and Giroux (BYR). ISBN 978-0374389666, 31pp. \$18.99 (E, I) Tyler Gordon wields a paintbrush against bullies and brings his heroes to life. Biographies accompany each of Gordon's colorful portraits and describe a world of gratitude and opportunity in which any child may find their very own hero. (BRP) 3, 5

Without Separation: Prejudice, Segregation, and the Case of Roberto Alvarez. Larry Dane Brimmer. Illustrated by Maya Gonzalez. Astra Publishing House / Calkins Creek. 40pp. ISBN 978-1684371952, \$17.99. (I) True story of the 1931 legal case against a school in San Diego, California, that blocked Mexican children from attending. Championed by his Mexican mother, Roberto argued that he wanted to be in school with all his friends—brown and white—and that the school district had no power to segregate Mexican children. Author’s Note with historical photos and backstory. (KJH) 2, 5, 6

Your Legacy. A Bold Reclaiming of Our Enslaved History. Schele Williams. Illustrated by Tonya Engel. Abrams / Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. ISBN 978-1419748752, \$19.99. (P, I) An introduction to African American history that is beautifully illustrated for young learners. This book celebrates African American accomplishments, sacrifices, and defines how African American stories should be taught. Author’s Note, Illustrator’s Note. (SA) 2, 9, 4



REFERENCE

The History of Western Art in Comics (Part One): Prehistory to the Renaissance. Marion Augustin. Illustrated by Bruno Heitz. Holiday House. 96pp. ISBN 978-0823446452, \$22.99. (M) A primer on Western Art, this informational text, written by a tour guide for museums and historic landmarks, is designed to entertain as it informs. The illustrations accurately portray the art and the artists described. (SLR) 1, 2, 5

Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party’s Promise to the People. Kekla Magoon. Candlewick Press. ISBN 978-1536214185, \$24.99. (H) The Black Panther Party’s civil and human rights advocacy and militant revolutionary impact is situated in this gripping illustrated narrative. Readers journey into the history and influence of the BPP and draw connections to modern revolutionary movements. Timeline, Sources, Profiles of Key BPP Members. (BRP) 3, 6, 1, 10

Space Explorers: 25 Extraordinary Stories of Space Exploration and Adventure. Libby Jackson. Illustrated by Léonard Dupond. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin / Beyond Words. 192pp. ISBN 978-1582707648, \$21.99. (I, M) This beautifully illustrated informational text recounts 25 extraordinary stories of space exploration, adventure, and human achievement, from a leading expert in human spaceflight. (SLR) 2, 3, 6

A Time of Fear. Albert Marrin. Random House Children’s Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. 320pp. ISBN 978-0525644293, \$24.99. (M) This extremely well written informational text offers a timely examination of Red Scares in the United States, including the Rosenbergs, the Hollywood Ten and the McCarthy era. Selected Sources, Index. (SLR) 2, 6, 10

Why Longfellow Lied: The Truth About Paul Revere’s Midnight Ride. Jeff Lantos. Charlesbridge. 160pp. ISBN 978-1580899338, \$18.99. (M, H) “Listen my children, and you shall hear, Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere.” This informational

book lays out when and why Longfellow wrote his poem and looks at two important United States historical moments. (CLN) 5, 6, 10

SOCIAL INTERACTION/RELATIONSHIPS

Amira’s Picture Day. Reem Faruqi. Illustrated by Fahmida Azim. Holiday House. 35pp. ISBN 978-0823440191, \$17.99. (P) With Ramadan coming to an end, Amira is excited to stay home from school and celebrate Eid, but it’s also picture day. She wants to be in the class picture, but how can she be in two places at once? Author’s Note, Information about Eid, Arabic Translation. (LE) 1, 3

Beautifully Me. Nabela Noor. Illustrated by Nabi H. Ali. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 40 pp. ISBN 978-1534485877, \$17.99. (P) Zubi, a young Bangladeshi American, learns to value her true beauty, both inside and out, as she observes the actions and words of her close-knit family. An endearing story that encourages children to embrace physical differences. (CH) 1, 4

The Cot in the Living Room. Hilda Eunice Burgos. Illustrated by Gaby D’Alessandro. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 40pp. ISBN 978-0593110478, \$17.99. (P) A young Dominican American girl in New York City feels envy and then empathy as her parents babysit children whose families work overnight. (CLN) 1, 4, 5

Change Sings. Amanda Gorman. Illustrated by Loren Long. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR. 32pp. ISBN 978-0593203224, \$18.99. (P, I) In this picture book by presidential inaugural poet Amanda Gorman, a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey and learns that they have the power to make changes, big and small. (SLR) 1, 4, 5

Families Can. Dan Saks. Illustrated by Brooke Smart. Penguin Young Readers / Rise x Penguin Workshop. 24pp. ISBN 978-0593223659, \$7.99. (P, I) This charmingly heartfelt board book celebrates the differences that make families unique and the similarities and love that connect us all together. (SLR) 1, 5, 10

Flight of the Puffin. Ann Braden. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 229pp. ISBN 978-1984816061 \$17.99. (M) A brilliant coming-of-age story about the experiences of four middle-school outcasts finding their way. An artist, gender non-conforming homeless teen, child experiencing bullying, and neurodivergent tween are connected through illustrations and compassion; their lives are changed forever. (BRP) 4, 3, 5

Geraldine Pu and Her Lunch Box, Too! Written and illustrated by Maggie Chang. Simon & Schuster / Simon Spotlight. 64pp. ISBN 978-1534484696, \$17.99. (P, I) Geraldine brings homemade Taiwanese food to school for lunch. Classmates make fun of the smell and the look of her food. In a triumphant ending, Geraldine overcomes her hurt and embarrassment. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Huda F Are You? Written and illustrated by Huda Fahmy. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. 192pp. ISBN 978-0593324318, \$14.99. (M, H) Huda moved from a small town where she was the only “hijabi girl,” to Dearborn, Michigan, with a big Muslim population. This hilarious, and honest graphic novel shares Huda’s journey to define her identity. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

In the Wild Light. Jeff Zentner. Random House Children’s Books / Crown BFYR. 421pp. ISBN 978-1524720247, \$17.99. (H) A coming-of-age novel about two best friends from small town Tennessee whose friendship is tested when they get the opportunity to leave their impoverished town for an elite Connecticut prep school. (LBW) 4, 2, 3

Last Night at the Telegraph Club. Malinda Lo. 409pp. Penguin Young Readers / Dutton BFYR. ISBN 978-052555254, \$18.99. (H) Out beyond Chinatown in 1950s San Francisco, Lily Hu discovers a world of queer affirmation within the Telegraph Club. Readers will cheer for love to win over fears of Red infiltration, threats of deportations and club-busting. Timeline, Author’s Note, Selected Bibliography. (BRP) 4, 3, 2

Lucas at the Paralympics. Igor Plohl. Illustrated by Urska Stropnik Sonc. Holiday House. 29pp. ISBN 978-0823447657, \$17.99. (P) Lucas, a newly paraplegic lion, invites readers on his journey to spectate the Paralympic Games. Through playful illustrations, readers learn about Paralympic sports, relevant vocabulary, and how athletes compete using prostheses, guides, and blindfolds. Glossary, About the Author. (BRP) 3, 9, 5

Making A Baby. Rachel Greener. Illustrated by Clare Owen. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. 30pp. Trade ISBN 978-0593324851, \$17.99. (P, I, M) “Where did I come from?” This book provides answers to children’s questions about how babies are made. In joyfully inclusive illustrations and text, we see many ways to create a baby. Recommended for human growth/development and parent-supported discussions. (BRP) 3, 4, 8

Meena Lost and Found. Karla Manternach. Illustrated by Mina Price. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 192pp. ISBN 978-1534486140, \$16.99. (I, M) Third in a series, this chapter book takes the reader on relatable new adventures with a personable fourth grade protagonist. Themes include seizure disorder; friend moving away; lost cat; parent losing a job; upcycling; siblinghood. (KJH) 4, 10

Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race. Megan Madison and Jessica Ralli. Illustrated by Isabel Roxas. Penguin Young Readers / Rise x Penguin. 38pp. ISBN 978-0593382639, \$14.99. (P, I) Appealing illustrations guide young children to learn and discuss skin color. Includes Topics for Further Discussion. (BL) 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

The Proudest Color. Sheila Modir and Jeffrey Kashou. Illustrated by Monica Mikai. Familius. 32pp. ISBN 978-1641705783,

\$17.99. (P, I) Zahra can describe her feelings throughout the day with wonderful colors. She feels comfortable in her brown skin color and identifies with many accomplished people of color in the world. Includes Notes to Parents and Caretakers. (BL) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

Someone Builds the Dream. Lisa Wheeler. Illustrated by Loren Long. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. 48pp. ISBN 978-1984814333, \$19.99. (P) A book to teach community helpers in new ways. *Someone Builds the Dream* highlights the everyday workers who build bridges, buildings, lay pipes, and otherwise work behind the scenes to create our worlds. (SES) 3, 5, 8

Starfish. Lisa Fipps. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 256pp. ISBN 978-1984814500, \$17.99. (I, M) Since she was five, Ellie has been bullied about her weight at school and at home. With the help of a therapist, a new friend, and her father, she learns to love herself and demand dignity from others. Author’s Note. (NNR) 4, 3

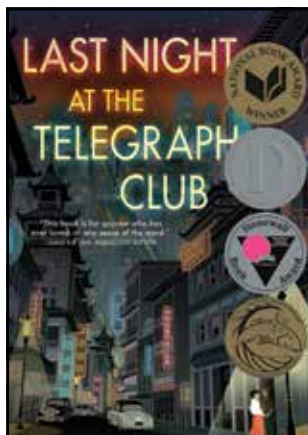
Susie B. Won’t Back Down. Margaret Finnegan. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 258pp. ISBN 978-1534496361, \$17.99. (I, M) A “hero” assignment turns into soul-searching as Susie addresses idealized heroes who were far from perfect. In letters packed with humor, Susie B. runs for student body president and documents elementary politics, friendship, and issues of bias and oppression. (BRP) 5, 2, 6

Thankful. Elaine Vickers. Illustrated by Samantha Cotterill. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 48pp. ISBN 978-1534477346, \$17.99. (P) A wonderful book to teach the concept of gratitude. *Thankful* portrays a young girl who is thankful for everyday, ordinary things and the people around her. (SES) 7, 4

Tomatoes for Neela. Padma Lakshmi. Illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR. 40pp. ISBN 978-0593202708, \$17.99. (P) *Tomatoes for Neela* tells the story of a young Indian girl learning to cook tomato sauce with her mother. The book chronicles the importance of food and family, even when family is far away. Author’s Note, Recipes, Bibliography. (SES) 1, 4, 9

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy. Emmanuel Acho. Macmillan Children’s Publishing / Roaring Brook Press. 320pp. ISBN 978-1250801067, \$17.99. (M) Acho tackles difficult questions with openness and patience, connecting personal experiences with race and racism to Black history and cultural lessons. Introduces ways to combat racism within readers’ lives and communities. Recommendations for Books, Websites, Documentaries and Movies About Black History, Race, and Racism. (CLN) 1, 5, 6

What I Am. Divya Srinivasan. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR. 40pp. ISBN 978-0593204016, \$17.99. (P) How is a child to respond when someone asks them, “What are you?” This book offers a wealth of responses that demonstrate the complexity of identities overlooked by others. Author’s Note. (NNR)



WORLD HISTORY & CULTURE

African Proverbs for All Ages. Johnnetta Betsch Cole and Nelda LaTeef. Illustrated by Nelda LaTeef. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 40pp. ISBN 978-1250756060, \$19.99. (P, I) It is said that a proverb is a short sentence based on long experience. In *African Proverbs for All Ages* one can explore and reflect on complex ideas about relationships, identity, society, and the human condition. Author's Note. (LBW) ①, ③, ⑨

At Night All Blood is Black: A Novel. David Diop. Translated from French by Anna Moschovakis. Macmillan Publishers / Farrar, Straus & Giroux. 145pp. ISBN 978-1250800206, \$16.00. (H) In this gripping English translation, Alfa Ndiaye, a Senegalese soldier fighting with the French army in World War I, is haunted by his friend's horrific death. He seeks revenge as resolution and devolves into madness amidst the darkness of war. (BRP) ⑨, ③, ⑥

Born Behind Bars. Padma Venkatraman. PYR / Nancy Paulsen Books. 265pp. ISBN 978-0593112472, \$17.99 (M) Set in Chennai, India, this is the story of a nine-year-old boy unexpectedly released into the world after having spent his entire life in jail with his mother for a crime she didn't commit. Author's Note. (TSS) ①, ④, ⑤

The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb. Candace Fleming. Scholastic / Scholastic Focus. 304pp. ISBN 978-1338596618, \$12.99. (I, M) A narrative informational text about King Tut, with intermittent "teasers" tied to the Western belief that the dig was cursed. Recounts stories about people who perished after exposure to the tomb and its artifacts. Includes many primary and secondary sources, and B&W photos from excavation sites. Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (KJH) ①, ③, ⑧

Dawn Raid. Pauline Vaeluaga Smith. Illustrated by Mat Hunkin. Levine Querido. 217pp. ISBN 978-1646140411, \$17.99. (I, M) Twelve-year-old Sophia's diary entries from New Zealand recount the 1970s injustice against Pacific Islanders by the government. She is inspired by the Polynesian Panthers who encourage immigrant and Indigenous families to stand up for their rights. Bibliography, Glossary, Historical Note. (LBW) ①, ⑥, ⑩

Dog Star. Megan Shepherd. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers. 216pp. ISBN 978-0374314583, \$16.99. (M) This historical novel portrays the friendship between Nina, a lonely 12-year-old girl, and Laika, a stray dog on the streets of Moscow. When Laika is plucked from the streets to be trained as a star flyer, the two meet in Nina's father's laboratory. Based on a true story. Author's Notes, Recommended Reading. (TSS) ⑧, ⑨

Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War. Steve Sheinkin. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 342pp. ISBN 978-1250149015, \$19.99. (M, H) After the U.S. atomic attack on Hiroshima, fears of global domination consume the world. The United States and the Soviet

Union enter a race to control space and come close to a third world war. Epilogue. (BRP) ⑥, ②, ⑨

I Am Smoke. Henry Herz. Illustrated by Mercè López. Tilbury House. 36 pp. ISBN 978-0884487883, \$18.95. (P, I) Smoke, the narrator of this fascinating story, explains how it has positively served humankind since prehistoric times by signaling, beekeeping, curing and flavoring food, in religious rites, fumigating, and in other fascinating ways. Historical Note. (LBW) ⑧, ②, ③

Last Witnesses: Adapted for Young Adults. Svetlana Alexievich. Translated by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky. Random House Children's Books. 320pp. ISBN 978-0593308530, \$17.99 (H) Alexievich weaves together a collection of children's memories from World War II in Russia—a generation that grew up with the trauma of war, which would change the course of the Russian nation. Glossary. (TSS) ③, ⑨

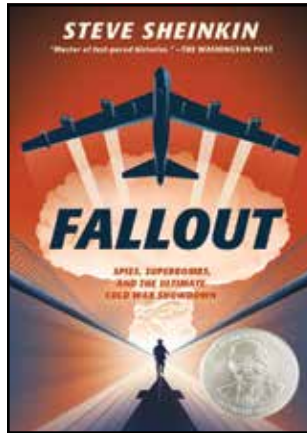
Luck of the Titanic. Stacey Lee. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 384pp. ISBN 978-1524740986, \$18.99. (H) Follow the powerful story of two British Chinese acrobat siblings aboard the *Titanic* on its ill-fated maiden voyage and immerse yourself in storylines you never knew were so diverse. Author's Note. (JT) ①, ③

Meltdown: Earthquake, Tsunami, and Nuclear Disaster in Fukushima. Deirdre Langeland. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 194pp. ISBN 978-1626727007, \$19.99. (M, H) A harrowing tale of the chain reaction following 2011's Fukushima earthquake. With the threat of nuclear meltdown looming, readers experience the disaster through survivors' stories documented alongside the science behind this series of events. Timeline, Glossary, Sources, Author's Notes. (BRP) ⑨, ⑦, ③

My First Day. Written and illustrated by Phung Nguyen Quang and Huynh Kim Lien. Random House Children's Books / Make Me a World. 40pp. ISBN 978-0593306260, \$17.99. (P) How did your first day of school begin? A young Vietnamese boy, An, begins alone in a boat, with a single oar, and a knapsack on his back. It is worth the journey when he reaches his destination! Includes Map of Vietnam and the Mekong Delta, A Note From the Author-Illustrators, Some Facts About the Mekong River. (CLN) ①, ③, ⑨

The Thing I'm Most Afraid Of. Kristin Levine. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 352pp. ISBN 978-0525518648, \$15.19. Twelve-year-old Becca suffers from severe anxiety but travels to Austria in the summer to see her relocated father. There's a looming war in Bosnia, and when her Bosnian nanny, Sara, disappears, Becca's doomsday fears seem to be coming true. But now what really matters is finding Sara. Author's Note, Suggested Books and Websites. (BRP) ⑨, ③, ①

Sugar Town Queens. Malla Nunn. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons BFYR. 320pp. ISBN 978-0525515609, \$17.99. (M, H) Amandla, a biracial South African teenager, has unanswered questions about her mother's erratic behavior and



her unknown father. The discovery of a mysterious address leads her to answers in this book that explores the lasting effects of South African apartheid. (NNR) 9, 3, 6

Walls. L.M. Elliott. Algonquin Young Readers. 352pp. ISBN 978-1643750248, \$19.95. (H) *Walls* explores how the construction of the Berlin Wall impacted and divided families and communities. Told through the eyes of two cousins divided by space and ideology, *Walls* humanizes the impact of the Cold War. Primary Sources, Bibliography. (SES) 9, 5, 6

When Can We Go Back to America? Voices of Japanese American Incarceration During WWII. Susan Kamei. Simon & Schuster / Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 736 pp. ISBN 978-1481401449, \$22.99. (M, H) Presents a narrative history of Japanese Americans before, during, and after their World War II incarceration, including over 130 first-person stories and research. Bibliography, Index. (SA) 2, 10, 6

When the World Was Ours. Liz Kessler. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 352pp. ISBN 978-1534499652, \$18.99. (M, H) The friendship shared by three young Austrians is strained by the rise of the Nazi Party. This compelling multi-perspective novel offers moving accounts of Jewish youth experiences during the Holocaust. Includes A List of Resources and Further Reading, About the Author. (NNR) 9, 6, 5

World in Between. Kenan Trebincevic and Susan Shapiro. HarperCollins Children's Books / Clarion Books. 375pp. ISBN 978-0358439875, \$16.99. (M) This powerful coming-of-age story documents one family's escape from ethnic cleansing in war-torn Bosnia. Following months trapped in their home surrounded by enemies, they escape to the U.S., where resilience and love helps them heal. Author's Note. (BRP) 9, 6, 5, 4

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