


DIVERSE SUMMER READING LIST

Grades Pre-K-8

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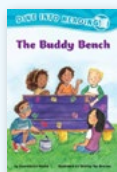
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Grades PreK-2

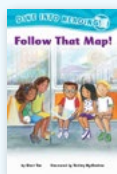
Dive into reading with Confetti Kids, our popular early chapter book series about five friends from diverse backgrounds learning to navigate common childhood challenges, new experiences, and the world around them.

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THE BUDDY BENCH
written by Gwendolyn Hooks, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez
Padma and her friends create a buddy bench, where kids can sit if they feel lonely and in need of a friend.



FOLLOW THAT MAP!
written by Sheri Tan, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez
Pablo is excited to help his friends find the best route to Coney Island by using his maps for the city's buses and subways.



THE PERFECT GIFT
written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez
Mei's little brother is soon to be one hundred days old and Mei is determined to find the perfect gift for his special day.



THE GARDEN
written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez
Lily and her friends volunteer to help at the public garden, where they learn that plants need water, sun, and—just like them—time to grow.

Dive deeper into reading with our early chapter book series starring Rafi and Rosi, two irrepressible Puerto Rican tree frog siblings who have fun together as they explore and learn about the history, culture, and natural world of their island home.

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RAFI AND ROSI MUSIC!
written and illustrated by Lulu Delacre
The curious, fun-loving tree frog siblings explore the bomba, plena, and salsa music traditions of Puerto Rico. *Also available in Spanish.*



RAFI AND ROSI
written and illustrated by Lulu Delacre
Rafi amazes Rosi with "magic" he finds in nature, but he needs her help when his hermit crab runs away. *Also available in Spanish.*



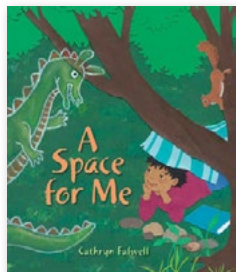
RAFI AND ROSI CARNIVAL!
written and illustrated by Lulu Delacre
Rafi and Rosi celebrate Puerto Rico's joyous holiday, Carnival. *Also available in Spanish.*



RAFI AND ROSI PIRATES!
written and illustrated by Lulu Delacre
Rafi and Rosi explore Puerto Rico's famous El Morro fort and learn about its Spanish history, treasure, and pirates. *Also available in Spanish.*

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A SPACE FOR ME
written and illustrated by
Cathryn Falwell

Alex needs a break from his pesky little brother, Lucas, so he creates a space for himself, but soon realizes that he and Lucas need time together too.



Art by Nat Iwata,
from *Sumo Joe*



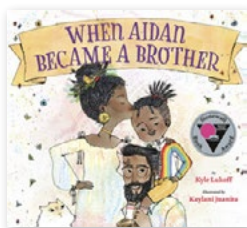
UNDER MY HIJAB
written by Hena Khan,
illustrated by Aaliya Jaleel

As a young girl connects with the many female role models in her life, readers come to understand and appreciate the hijab and the Muslim women who choose to wear it.



ZOMBIES DON'T EAT VEGGIES!
written and illustrated by
Megan Lacera and Jorge Lacera

Mo Romero is a zombie with a deep, dark secret . . . he dislikes "normal" zombie food and loves vegetables! *Also available in Spanish.*

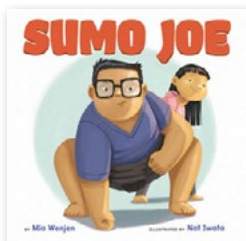


WHEN AIDAN BECAME A BROTHER
written by Kyle Lukoff,
illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

A celebration of the changes in a transgender boy's life, from his initial coming-out to becoming a big brother.

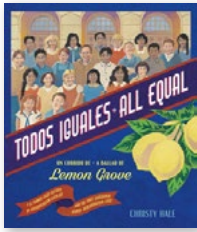


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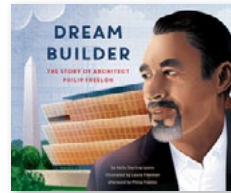


SUMO JOE
written by Mia Wenjen,
illustrated by Nat Iwata

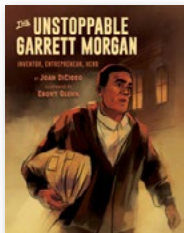
Fists, feet, and martial art forms collide in this sweet yet spirited rhyming story about Sumo Joe who is torn between the two things he's best at—sumo, and being a big brother to his little sister.



TODOS IGUALES/ALL EQUAL: UN CORRIDO DE/A BALLAD OF LEMON GROVE
 written and illustrated by Christy Hale
 The true story of the 1931 Lemon Grove Case, in which Mexican families in southern California won the first school desegregation case in United States history. *Bilingual English/Spanish.*



DREAM BUILDER: THE STORY OF ARCHITECT PHILIP FREELON
 written by Kelly Starling Lyons, illustrated by Laura Freeman
 You've seen the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Now meet the man whose life went into building it.



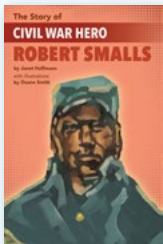
THE UNSTOPPABLE GARRETT MORGAN: INVENTOR, ENTREPRENEUR, HERO
 written by Joan DiCicco, illustrated by Ebony Glenn
 Garrett Morgan, a prolific African American inventor and entrepreneur, must test his latest invention in a daring rescue after an explosion at the Cleveland Waterworks.



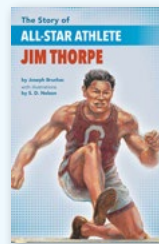
JULIETA AND THE DIAMOND ENIGMA
 written by Luisana Duarte Armendáriz
 Nine-year-old Julieta is in Paris when she and her Dad walk in on a thief stealing the Regent Diamond. Can Julieta determine who the thief really is before it's too late?

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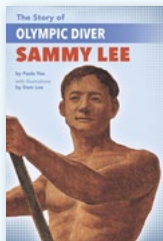
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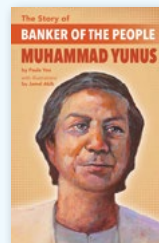
THE STORY OF CIVIL WAR HERO ROBERT SMALLS
 written by Janet Halfmann, illustrated by Duane Smith
 Meet Robert Smalls, an enslaved steamboat wheelman who commandeered a Confederate ship during the Civil War and escaped to freedom with his family and crew.



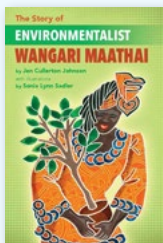
THE STORY OF ALL-STAR ATHLETE JIM THORPE
 written by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by S. D. Nelson
 Meet Jim Thorpe, an exceptional athlete with natural talent and the first Native American Indian to win an Olympic gold medal.



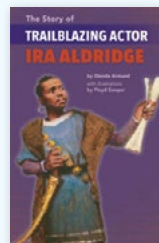
THE STORY OF OLYMPIC DIVER SAMMY LEE
 written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Dom Lee
 Meet Sammy Lee, a Korean American diver who was the first Asian American to win an Olympic gold medal.



THE STORY OF BANKER OF THE PEOPLE MUHAMMAD YUNUS
 written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Jamil Akib
 Meet Muhammad Yunus, who revolutionized global anti-poverty efforts by developing the innovative economic concept of micro-lending.



THE STORY OF ENVIRONMENTALIST WANGARI MAATHAI
 written by Jen Cullerton Johnson, illustrated by Sonia Lynn Sadler
 Meet Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel Peace Prize.



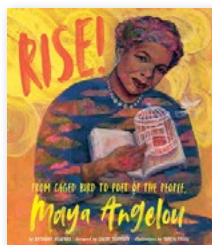
THE STORY OF TRAILBLAZING ACTOR IRA ALDRIDGE
 written by Glenda Armand, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
 Meet Ira Aldridge, an African American actor considered one of the greatest Shakespearean performers of the nineteenth century and an advocate for the abolitionist movement in the United States.



ON THESE MAGIC SHORES

written by **Yamile Saied Méndez**

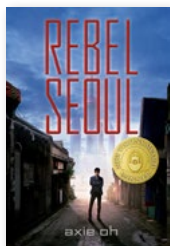
When Mamá fails to return home after her evening job, it is up to 12-year-old Minerva to take care of her younger sisters and hold the family together all while trying to act in her school's play of Peter Pan.



RISE!: FROM CAGED BIRD TO POET OF THE PEOPLE, MAYA ANGELOU

written by **Bethany Hegedus**, illustrated by **Tonya Engel**

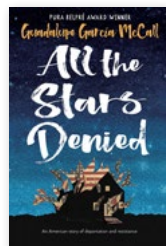
Writer, activist, trolley car conductor, dancer, mother, and humanitarian--Maya Angelou's life was marked by transformation and perseverance. In this comprehensive picture-book biography geared towards older readers, Bethany Hegedus lyrically traces Maya's life to her triumphant rise as a poet of the people.



REBEL SEOUL

written by **Axie Oh**

When Jaewon is assigned to partner with supersoldier Tera in Neo Seoul's top weapons development division, he must decide where he stands: with the people his rebel father protected or with the totalitarian government that claims it will end all war.



ALL THE STARS DENIED

written by **Guadalupe García McCall**

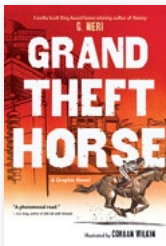
The story of the hidden history of the United States first mass deportation event, which swept up hundreds of thousands of Mexican American citizens during the Great Depression.



THE MAGNOLIA SWORD

written by **Sherry Thomas**

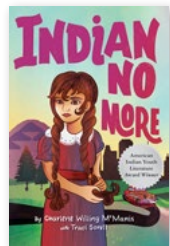
Bestselling author Sherry Thomas weaves an enthralling #ownvoices retelling of a story that has thrilled readers for centuries: the Ballad of Mulan.



GRAND THEFT HORSE

written by **G. Neri**, illustrated by **Corban Wilkin**

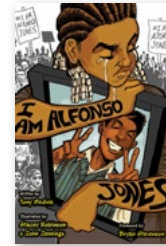
The powerful story of the author's cousin Gail Ruffu, who stole a racehorse to save it, and ended up taking on the whole racing industry to fight for the humane treatment of animals.



INDIAN NO MORE

written by **Charlene Willing McManis** with **Traci Sorell**

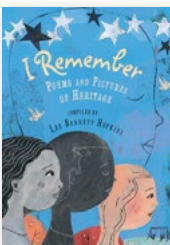
Set in the 1950s, a ten-year-old Umpqua girl and her family's tribal rights are terminated and they must relocate from their reservation in Oregon to Los Angeles, where they are expected to assimilate.



I AM ALFONSO JONES

written by **Tony Medina**, illustrated by **Stacey Robinson** and **John Jennings**

Perfect for fans of *The Hate U Give*: an unflinching graphic novel about the afterlife of a young man killed by an off-duty police officer, co-illustrated by *New York Times* best-selling artist John Jennings.



I REMEMBER: POEMS AND PICTURES OF HERITAGE

compiled by **Lee Bennett Hopkins**

In a celebration of diversity and family, fourteen poets and sixteen illustrators of diverse backgrounds share memorable childhood experiences and reflect upon their different heritages, traditions, and beliefs.



SUMMER OF THE MARIPOSAS

written by **Guadalupe García McCall**

In this creative retelling of *The Odyssey*, fifteen-year-old Odilia and her younger sisters embark on a journey to return a dead man to his family in Mexico and must outwit monsters and witches to make it back home again. *Also available in Spanish.*