

# Diverse Summer Reading List



Art by Amy Córdova Boone from *Dream Carver / El tallador de sueños*



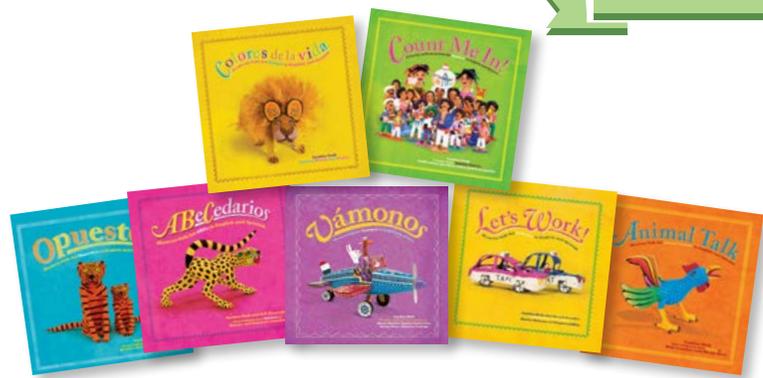
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## Grades PreK-2



### Check out our newest bilingual Mexican Folk Art Series

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**FLAP YOUR HANDS**

This fascinating, groundbreaking picture book by an autistic creator celebrates stim-the repetitive movements that provide focused stimulation to people on the autistic spectrum.

**Now Available In Spanish**

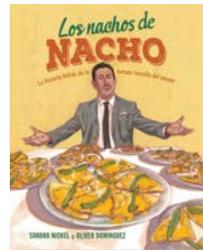


**BENJI, UN MAL DÍA Y YO AND BENJI, THE BAD DAY AND ME** written by Cynthia Weill  
Sammy is having the absolute rottenest, worst day ever. His little brother, Benji, knows exactly what that's like.



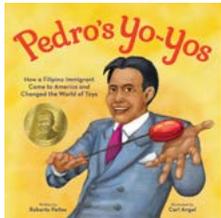
**ZAIN'S SUPER FRIDAY**

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



**Los Nachos de Nacho**

The delicious true story of an inventive chef and the serendipitous events that led to the creation of the world's favorite snack—nachos!

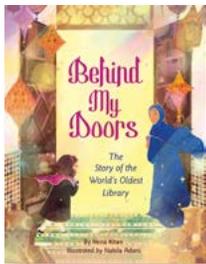


**PEDRO'S YO-YOS: How a Filipino Immigrant Came to America and Changed the World of Toys**

Discover the backstory of one of America's favorite toys, the yo-yo, in this colorful biography of businessman Pedro Flores.



Art by Alleanna Harris, from *Marvelous Mabel*



**BEHIND MY DOORS: The Story of the World's Oldest Library**

Come learn a bout the oldest operating library in existence that was originally founded by a Muslim woman in 859!



Art by Jorge Lacera, from *The Wild Ones and Los Bravos*



**THE WILD ONES and LOS BRAVOS**

From the creators of *Zombies Don't Eat Veggies!* comes a heartwarming and epic tale of four best friends who turn to the mythical monsters from their respective cultures to help them save the only home they've ever known (Also available in Spanish).



**THE MAXIMILIAN SERIES**  
**BINGO REMATCH, FALLEN ANGEL, LUCHA LIBRE CLUB, AND GUARDIAN ANGEL**  
 Check out this unique bilingual English and Spanish series featuring Maximilian, an 11-year-old lucha libre fan that's always looking for an adventure, Luchador action, and drama, making for an engaging roller coaster ride for young readers.



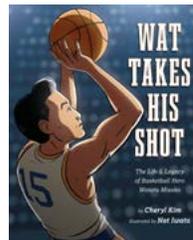
**MONTGOMERY AND THE CASE OF THE GOLDEN KEY**  
 It's 2008, and ten-year-old Montgomery "Monty" Carver is out to find the origin of a golden key found in his Southside Chicago community--which may or may not host the next Olympic games, or supply the next President of the United States, or... have a potential ghost hanging around.



**TENACIOUS: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes**  
 Meet fifteen remarkable athletes who use adaptive equipment in this beautiful and truth-telling picture book.



**BREAKING TO THE BEAT**  
 A boogie-down picture book about a shy boy named Manolo who overcomes his fears and insecurities to become part of a new innovative dance style called breaking.



**WAT TAKES HIS SHOT: The Life & Legacy of Basketball Hero Wataru Misaka**  
 The stirring biography of Japanese American basketball star Wataru Misaka--the first person of color to play in the NBA!



**MILES OF STYLE: Eunice W. Johnson and the EBONY Fashion Fair**  
 A chic biography about Eunice W. Johnson who brought elegant and contemporary fashion to Black America through the annual EBONY Fashion Fair!



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## Grades 6-8

### Summer Series

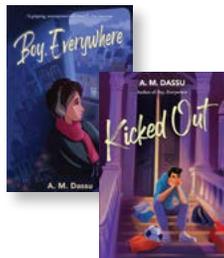


#### THE SHADOW PRINCE

Five Deadly Tests, Only One Shadow Prince. In this middle grade novel set in an alternate Egyptian universe, twelve-year-old Ash must compete and survive to become the shadow-and protector--of the prince.

#### THE LONGEST NIGHT IN EGYPT

The Shadow Prince saga continues as Ash and his heroic friends rush to save Ra from the belly of Apep and bring light back to an Egypt that has been plunged into darkness.

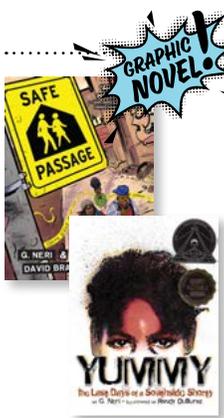


#### BOY, EVERYWHERE

What turns citizens into refugees and then immigrants? In this powerful middle-grade debut, Sami and his family embark on a harrowing journey to save themselves from the Syrian civil war.

#### KICKED OUT

In this stand-alone companion novel to the acclaimed *Boy, Everywhere*, A. M. Dassu returns to extend the story of Sami's best friend Ali, who organizes a charity soccer match for their friend Aadam while his whole life is privately unraveling.



#### SAFE PASSAGE

From Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author of *Yummy* G. Neri comes an epic journey across the South Side of Chicago for Darius, his little sister Cissy, and his best friend Booger as they set out to find an armored truck that has lost a payload of cash.

#### Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty

A graphic novel based on the life and death of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year-old gang member from Chicago's Southside who was killed by his own gang members.

## Grades 9-12



#### WHEN A BROWN GIRL FLEES

In this contemporary novel from new voice Aamna Qureshi, a Muslim teen runs away from home only to find herself on a breathtaking journey of healing, self-love, and hope.



#### GABI, A GIRL IN PIECES

In this groundbreaking William C. Morris Award winner for a YA debut, Gabi's life is a mess--her family, her friends, her attempts at a love life--but writing helps, especially since it turns out she's pretty good at poetry.



#### RANI PATEL IN FULL EFFECT

Almost seventeen, Rani Patel is an Indian girl breaking cultural norms as a hip-hop performer, while grappling with family, friends, and trying to discover her strengths and restore the things she'd thought she lost.



#### THE BLACK BUTTERFLY

A spooky hotel, two ghosts (friend and enemy), real boyfriend, real romance, a forgiven mother. Not bad for Winter Vacation.

### Summer Series



#### QUICKS

Senior Year. Glory time! But nothing's easy. D-Bow's game has it all, and colleges are taking notice. But he's still rehabbing a knee injury and his job as Marion East point guard is under threat. Plus he's got family drama. And girl trouble. Can he put it all together for his senior season? Or will he crash and burn like so many Marion East players before him?

#### PULL

D-Bow is a Junior now. He can taste a State Championship, but he pulls his knee after a thunderous dunk.