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Grades PreK-2

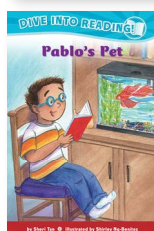
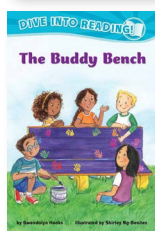
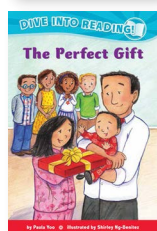
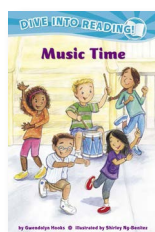
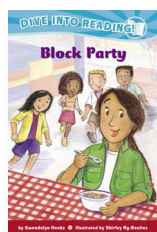


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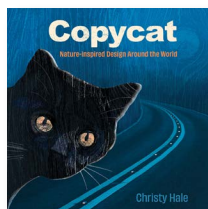
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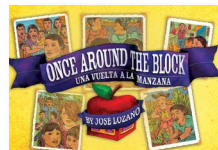
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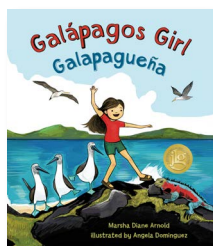
COPYCAT

written and illustrated by Christy Hale
Award-winning author-illustrator Christy Hale brings the fascinating concept of biomimicry to life in a uniquely designed book that shows how nature inspires solutions to real-world problems.



ONCE AROUND THE BLOCK

written and illustrated by José Lozano
A bilingual ABCs book that fills you in on all the fun neighborhood chatter!



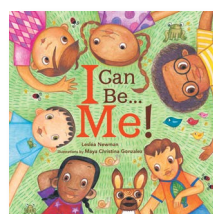
GALÁPAGOS GIRL / GALAPAGUEÑA

written by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
This charming bilingual English & Spanish picture book from the illustrator of *Mango*, *Abuela*, and *Me* introduces the fascinating creatures of the Galápagos Islands through the life of one very lucky girl.



CYNTHIA WEILL MEXICAN FOLK ART SERIES:

written by Cynthia Weill
The Cynthia Weill Mexican Folk Art Series employs handicrafts commissioned from artisans in Oaxaca to teach children the alphabet, opposites, colors, numbers, jobs, animal sounds and modes of transport in Spanish and English.



I CAN BE . . . ME!

written by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Maya Christina Gonzalez
From bestselling author Lesléa Newman – a joyful picture book celebration of individuality, uniqueness, and children's freedom to express themselves while engaging in whatever kinds of play they choose.



MARVELOUS MABEL

written by Crystal Hubbard, illustrated by Alleanna Harris
Meet Mabel Fairbanks, the skating superstar who became the first Black athlete inducted into the US Figure Skating Hall of Fame.

Art by Alleanna Harris, from *Marvelous Mabel*



MI FAMILIA CALACA / MY SKELETON FAMILY

written by Cynthia Weill, illustrated by Jesús Zarate
Come meet La Familia calaca! They're just like everybody else. Except they're all bones!



Art by Maya Christina Gonzalez, from *I Can Be . . . Me!*

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Grades 3-5

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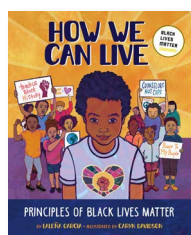
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DREAM CARVER / EL TALLADOR DE SUEÑOS

written by Diana Cohn, illustrated by Amy Córdova Boone

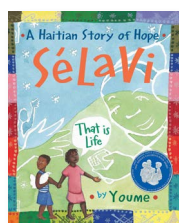
Pink goats, blue rabbits, and purple cats—oh my! Manuel has the determination and imagination to create them all!



HOW WE CAN LIVE

written by Laleña Garcia, illustrated by Caryn Davidson

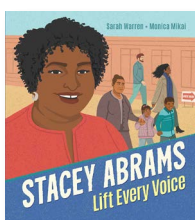
The first children's book to feature material from the Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation, this beautiful picture book will engage hearts and minds as it introduces children to the guiding principles of the Black Lives Matter movement.



SÉLAVI, THAT IS LIFE: A HAITIAN STORY OF HOPE

written and illustrated by Youme

On the streets of Haiti, a homeless child learns the meaning of family, solidarity, and hope.



STACEY ABRAMS: LIFT EVERY VOICE

written by Sarah Warren, illustrated by Monica McKai

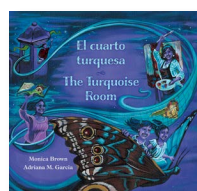
How do we move our country forward? Stacey Abrams has an answer in this bright and stirring biography, perfect for discussions of voting rights and how people working together can make a difference.



THE MAXIMILIAN SERIES

by Xavier Garza

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.



THE TURQUOISE ROOM/EL CUARTO TURQUESA

written by Monica Brown, illustrated by Adriana Garcia

Bestselling author Monica Brown takes us on a magical journey into the lives of generations of creative women in her family in this gorgeously illustrated bilingual picture book.



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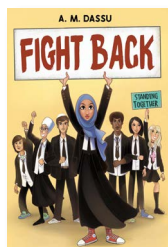
Grades 6-8



BLESSING'S BEAD

written by Debby Dahl Edwardson

A wonderful middle-grade fantasy debut. Now in paperback: the acclaimed middle-grade novel tracing four generations of an Iñupiaq family in Alaska, which the *Washington Post* praised as "a rare and beautiful book."



FIGHT BACK

written by A. M. Dassu

Amina's Voice meets *A Good Kind of Trouble* in this story about 13-year-old Aaliyah, who feels alone after putting on a hijab for the first time, but finds friends and allies through organizing a protest at her school.



SPECULATION

written by Nisi Shawl

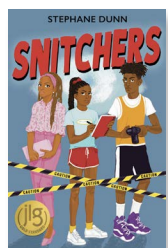
A wonderful middle-grade fantasy debut about Black families, family history, family curses ... and a really marvelous pair of spectacles.



MÈO AND BÉ

written by Doan Phuong Nguyen

Just before the United States enters the Vietnam War, eleven-year-old Bé and her three-footed kitten Mèo must rise above the injustices of war to find the comfort, safety, and love of a found family.



SNITCHERS

written by David Bowles, illustrated by Charlene Bowles

When the grownups can't do it, three friends join together to figure out who killed a little boy in their neighborhood in this stunning debut YA by award-winning playwright Stephane Dunn.

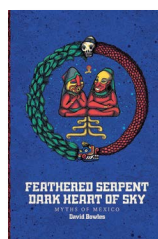
Grades 9-12



THE EVERYTHING I HAVE LOST

written by Sylvia Zeleny

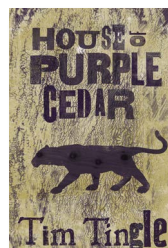
Julia keeps lists—lists of everything she loses. Eventually those lists include her dad and her home. Writing in her diary keeps her going but she'll need more than that to find the truth.



FEATHERED SERPENT, DARK HEART OF SKY

written by David Bowles

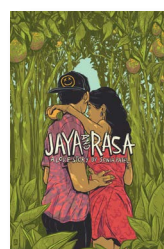
Feathered Serpent, Dark Heart of Sky is a stunning collection of Aztec folklore and myths passed from generation to generation and, now, writer to reader.



HOUSE OF PURPLE CEDAR

written by Tim Tingle

This young YA novel weaves little-known historical events into a thoughtful tale of two teens—one American, the other Japanese—whose wartime lives on opposite sides of the world lead them to discover that hate for an "enemy" leaves a heavy heart.



JAYA AND RASA: A LOVE STORY

written by Sonia Patel

Jaya's a rich kid. Rasa's motherless and broke. Opposite sides of the tracks. Romeo and Juliet, on fair Oahu.



MOONLIT VINE

written by Elizabeth Santiago

Fourteen-year-old Taína just learned that she is a descendant of a long line of strong Taíno women, but will knowing this help her bring peace and justice to her family and community?

*Also available in Spanish!