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Civics and civic engagement are crucial to education and the preservation of our democracy. The key concepts of understanding how government works, engaging in and appreciating discourse and different beliefs, learning about the voting process, and working with the community are critical to students' academic success and wellbeing. The state of civics education is in great need: students need to learn about all aspects of civics to be effective members of society.

For more information about Civics educational resources and organizations, consult the back page of this book list.

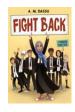
Leadership



Black was the Ink

(Grades 9-12)

Through the help of a ghostly ancestor, sixteen-year-old Malcolm is sent on a journey through Reconstruction-era America to find his place in modern-day Black progress.



Fight Back

(Grades 6-8)

13-year-old Aaliyah, feels alone after putting on a hijab for the first time, but finds friends and allies through organizing a protest at her school.



Crazy Horse's Vision

(Grades 3-5)

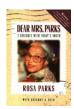
The true story of the great Lakota warrior who, as a young boy, defies tradition and seeks a vision on his own in hopes of saving his people.



Game, Set, Match Tennis Champion Arthur Ashe

(Grades 3-5)

Arthur Ashe began playing tennis on the segregated courts of Virginia – but he went on to conquer the world.



Dear Mrs. Parks: A Dialogue with **Today's Youth**

(Grades 6-8)

On a December day in 1955, Rosa Parks changed the course of history when she was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama bus.



Grand Theft Horse

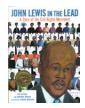
(Grades 6-8)

Yummy author G. Neri returns to graphic novels with the powerful story of his cousin Gail Ruffu, who stole a racehorse in order to save it, and ended up fighting the whole racing industry for the humane treatment of animals.





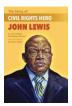
Leadership continued



John Lewis in the Lead

(Grades 3-5)

John Lewis, one of the "Big Six" civil rights leaders of the 1960s, was involved with Freedom Rides, the March on Washington, and the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.



The Story of Civil Rights Hero **John Lewis**

(Grades 6-8)

This new entry in the innovative "Story" line of chapter-book biographies focuses on John Lewis, a leader in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and a revered Congressman today. See the entire The Story of Collection at leeandlow.com/collections/the-storyof-series-collection.

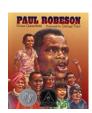


Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

The inspiring true story of Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani girl who has become an international activist for universal education, with beautiful collage illustrations by award-winning artist Susan L. Roth.



Paul Robeson

(Grades 3-5)

An updated and redesigned edition of an award-winning biography of Paul Robeson, who overcame racial discrimination to become an international entertainer and civil rights activist. Includes a new introduction and afterword by the author, focusing on Robeson's legacy.



Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes

(Grades 3-5)

Meet fifteen remarkable athletes who use adaptive equipment in this beautiful and truth-telling picture book.



The Protest

Also available in Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

In this book in the popular Confetti Kids series, Lily and her friends organize a protest in order to save their neighborhood public garden from being demolished. See the entire Confetti Kids Series collection at leeandlow.com/collections/confettikids-series-collection.



Love to Langston

(Grades 3-6)

This inspiring biography on Langston Hughes celebrates his life through



Quiet Hero: The Ira Hayes Story

(Grades 4-6)

A biography of Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian who was one of the six soldiers to raise the United States flag on Iwo Jima during World War II, an event immortalized by Joe Rosenthal's Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph.



Youth and Community Activism



A Special Goodbye

Also available in Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

In this book in the popular Confetti Kids series, Mei learns how to cope with the closing of her parents' flower shop with the help of her best friends. See the entire Confetti Kids Series collection at leeandlow.com/collections/confettikids-series-collection.



Aani and the Tree Huggers

(Grades PreK-2)

A village girl in India inspires the women around her to save their beloved forest.



Butterfly for a King: Saving Hawai'i's Kamehameha Butterflies

(Grades 3-5)

The fascinating true story of a beautiful native Hawaiian butterfly, a great Hawaiian warrior king, and currentday efforts by scientists and citizens to restore the butterfly's declining population.



Destiny's Gift

(Grades PreK-2)

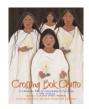
Destiny loves words, and her favorite place in the world is Mrs. Wade's bookstore, where words abound.



Stone River Crossing

(Grades 3-5)

Here is a tale of unlikely friendship and miracles. When Martha Tom helps Lil Mo and his family escape from the plantation across the river, it's just the beginning of a Choctaw adventure of a lifetime.



Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom

(Grades 3-5)

In this American Indian Youth Literature Award-winning story of cross-cultural friendship, a family of enslaved people and a Choctaw tribe work together on a daring escape.



I Am Alfonso Jones

(Grades 6-9)

This is an unflinching graphic novel about the afterlife of a young man killed by an off-duty police officer, co-illustrated by New York Times bestselling artist John Jennings.



Lakas and the Makibaka Hotel

(Grades PreK-2)

When Lakas discovers that the Makibaka Hotel is about to be sold, he leads a protest with his friends who are facing eviction. Bilingual English/ Tagalog.



Youth and Community Activism continued



Nibi's Water Song

(Grades PreK-2)

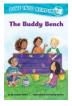
This bright and vivacious book from two Native creators celebrates the energy, moxie, and determination of water activists of all ages.



Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace

(Grades 3-6)

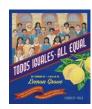
A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman-and first environmentalist-to win a Nobel Peace Prize (in 2004) for her work planting trees in her native Kenya.



The Buddy Bench

(Grades PreK-2)

In this book in the popular Confetti Kids series, Padma and her friends create a buddy bench, where kids can sit if they feel lonely and need a friend. See the entire Confetti Kids Series collection at leeandlow.com/collections/confettikids-series-collection.



Todos Iguales/All Equal: Un corrido de Lemon Grove/A Ballad of Lemon Grove.

Bilingual English Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

The empowering true story of the 1931 Lemon Grove Incident, in which Mexican families in southern California won the first Mexican American school desegregation case in US history.



Rent Party Jazz

(Grades 2-5)

An African American boy living in New Orleans in the 1930s raises money to pay the rent with the help of a popular jazz musician.



The People Shall Continue

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

Renowned AcomaPueblo poet and storyteller Simon J. Ortiz traces the progress of Native/Indigenous people of North America from the time of creation



The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 3-6)

The fascinating story of Dr. Gordon Sato, who helped a small African village become self-sustaining by planting a forest of mangrove trees to reshape the community's ecosystem.



Xochitl and The Flowers/Xochitl, la Niña de las flores

Bilingual English/Spanish

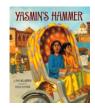
(Grades PreK-2)

to the present.

Miles away from their home in El Salvador, Xochitl (SOH-cheel) and her family make a new home in the United States, but nothing is the same.



Youth and Community Activism continued



Yasmin's Hammer

(Grades K-3)

A young Bangladeshi girl who helps support her family by working in a brickyard finds a way to make her dream of going to school and learning to read a reality.



Super Cilantro Girl/La superniña de cilantro

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades K-3)

An empowering story by former US poet laureate Juan Felipe Herrera about a young girl who uses her newfound superpowers to rescue her mamá from the United States-Mexico border.



The Moonlit Vine

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 7-12)

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?

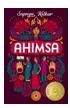


Blessing's Bead

(Grades 5-8)

The acclaimed middle-grade novel tracing four generations of an Iñupiag family in Alaska, which the Washington Post praised as "a rare and beautiful book."

Productive and Respectful Debate and Conversations



Ahimsa

(Grades 6-8)

In this historical novel, Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when Anjali's mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work.



Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou

(Grades 6-8)

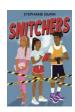
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the publication of I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, this beautiful biography of Maya Angelou describes how she rose above a childhood of trauma and emotional pain to become one of the most inspiring voices of our lifetime.



As Fast as Words Could Fly

(Grades 3-5)

The story of Mason Steele, an African American boy in 1960s Greenville, North Carolina, who relies on his inner strength and his typing skills to break racial barriers after he begins attending a "whites-only" high school.



Snitchers

(Grades 9-12)

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 awardwinning playwright Stephane Dunn.



Productive and Respectful Debate and Conversations continued



Sparkle Boy

(Grades PreK-2)

Casey loves sparkly things! But his older sister Jessie does not approve until an encounter with bullies helps her learn to accept and respect Casey for who he is.



Willie Wins

(Grades PreK-2)

In this heartwarming and inspiring story, a boy gets beyond peer pressure and comes to appreciate the depth of his father's love.



Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh

(Grades 6-8)

While her parents and neighbors are struggling through World War II, working for India's independence, and trying to stay on their farmland, nineyear-old Maria Singh learns to play softball just like her heroes in the All-American Girls' League.

Initiating Awareness and Change



Baseball Saved Us

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 2-5)

This classic, award-winning picture book tells the story of Shorty and his family, placed in an internment camp after the attack on Pearl Harbor along with thousands of Japanese Americans.



Gabi, a Girl in Pieces

(Grades 9-12)

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



Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of the Sudan

(Grades 3-5)

After war destroys his village in southern Sudan, a young boy unites with thousands of other orphans to walk to safety in a refugee camp. This powerful story of survival and brotherhood is based on true events.







Initiating Awareness and Change continued



How We Can Live: Principles of Black Lives Matter

(Grades 3-5)

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.



Still Dreaming/Seguimos soñando Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

In the first children's book to describe the long-forgotten chapter of US history known as Mexican Repatriation, a boy and his family leave their beloved home to avoid being separated by the government.



Lend a Hand: Poems About Giving

(Grades PreK-2)

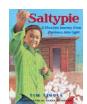
A collection of original poems centered on giving and spontaneous acts of kindness, which also incorporate larger themes of community, intergenerational relationships, young mentors, and care for the environment.



All the Stars Denied

(Grades 6-8)

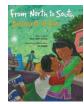
Award-winning author Guadalupe García McCall tackles the hidden history of the United States and its first mass deportation event that swept up hundreds of thousands of Mexican American citizens during the Great Depression.



Saltypie: A Choctaw Journey from **Darkness into Light**

(Grades 3-5)

Saltypie is the sweet taste of Choctaw tears in this powerful picture-book



From North to South/Del Norte al Sur

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

Author René Colato Laínez tackles the difficult subject of family separation with exquisite tenderness when José's Mamá has to return to Mexico for not having proper papers and his family faces an uncertain future.



Strong as Fire, Fierce as Flame

(Grades 6-8)

In 1857 India, 13-year-old Meera escapes a life she has no say inand certain death on her husband's funeral pyre-only to end up a servant to a British general in the East India Company. When a rebellion against British colonizers spreads, she must choose between relative safety in a British household or standing up for herself and her people.





Principles of Governments



Confucius: Great Teacher of China

(Grades 3-5)

A beautifully illustrated biography of a man whose philosophy shaped the course of Chinese history: the great teacher Confucius.



She Was the First! The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm

(Grades 3-5)

A timely, inspiring picture book biography of the dynamic twentiethcentury educator, activist, and politician Shirley Chisholm.



¡Sí, se puede!/Yes, We Can! Janitor Strike in L.A.

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

When the janitors' union strikes for better wages, Carlitos discovers a way to help his mother in this powerful bilingual picture book.



Indian No More

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 5-8)

In this powerful middle-grade novel, Regina and her family must relocate from the Umpqua reservation in Oregon to Los Angeles after their tribal rights are terminated.



This Land is My Land

(Grades 3-5)

Acclaimed Plain Cree author and illustrator George Littlechild writes of his Native heritage, his inspiring ancestors, and the hardships his people faced.



Passage to Freedom: The **Sugihara Story**

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

As a Japanese diplomat in Lithuania in the 1940s, Chiune Sugihara had a chance to help thousands of Jews escape the Holocaust, but to do so would go against his government's orders. When his five-year-old son asked, "If we don't help them, won't they die?" Sugihara decided to assist the refugees.

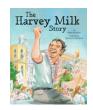


Marti's Song for Freedom/Martí y sus versos por la libertad

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

José Martí dedicated his life to the promotion of liberty: the abolishment of slavery, political independence for Cuba, and intellectual independence from colonialism for all Latinos. This bilingual biography is written in verse with excerpts from Marti's seminal work, Versos sencillos.



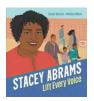
The Harvey Milk Story

(Grades 3-5)

A hopeful and inspiring biography of the historic gay activist Harvey Milk, who gave people the courage to be proud of who they are.



Principles of Governments continued



Stacey Abrams: Lift Every Voice

(Grades 3-5)

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.



Life of a Genius: Su Dongpo

(Grades 3-5)

A tribute to the spirited life of one of China's greatest literary and historical heroes-poet, scholar, and statesman Su Dongpo.

Global Citizenship



Copycat: Nature-Inspired Design from Around the World

(Grades PreK-2)

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.



i see the rhythm

(Grades 3-5)

An inspiring celebration of African American music and the far-reaching impact it has had on the world.



Water Rolls Water Rises/El agua rueda, el agua sube

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

In a series of poetic verses in both English and Spanish, readers learn about the movement and moods of water around the world and the ways in which water affects different landscapes and cultures.



Every Month is a New Year: Celebrations Around the World

Happy New Year ... in July! This versatile collection of engaging original poems showcases New Year celebrations throughout the year and around the world.



We

(Grades 3-5)

The fascinating story of human development, from its beginnings in Africa millions of years ago to modern



Around the World

(Grades PreK-2)

From New York to China to Australia and six other countries, an unrelenting basketball game rages on as kids compete and play for keeps, all determined to sink the winning shot. Presented in graphic, comic book style.



When the Horses Ride By: Children in the Times of War

(Grades 3-5)

A collection of poems about children throughout history, focusing on their perceptions of war and how war affects their lives.







America Past & Present



Cooper's Lesson Bilingual English/Korean

(Grades 3-5).

In this story of identity and intergenerational friendship, Cooper comes to appreciate his Korean heritage through an unlikely ally.



Honoring Our Ancestors

(Grades 3-5)

Through stories, art, and photographs, Honoring Our Ancestors will inspire children and their families to gain strength from the past as they ask themselves, "Who do I honor?"



I Remember: Poems and Pictures of Heritage

(Grades 3-5)

An outstanding 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.



Tan to Tamarind: Poems About the **Color Brown**

(Grades PreK-2)

This warm and inviting poetry collection helps young readers see every shade of skin tone is beautiful.



I Can Be...Me!

(Grades PreK-2)

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.



Just Like Me: Stories and Self-**Portraits by Fourteen Artists**

(Grades PreK-2)

Through stories, paintings, and childhood photographs, these fourteen artists open their hearts and invite us to enter their worlds.



Going Back Home: An Artist Returns to the South

(Grades 3-5)

More than half a century after her family moved North to find a better life, artist Michele Wood returned to the South to see and experience the land where her ancestors lived, struggled, and thrived.



Amazing Faces

(Grades PreK-2)

An anthology of universal poems focusing on the human experienceemotions, perceptions, and understandings—as expressed by poets of diverse heritage and reflected in illustrations featuring people of all ages and backgrounds.





America Past & Present continued



Mama the Alien/Mamá la extraterrestre

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

A young girl sees the word "alien" on her mother's Resident Alien card and worries Mamá is from another planet, until she finds out that the word has more than one meaning.



Bowman's Store

(Grades 8-12)

Award-winning author Joseph Bruchac describes in his memoir the close bond between himself and his grandfather and the secret that was hidden from him: his Abenaki Indian heritage.



Amazing Places

(Grades 3-5)

A collection of original poems that celebrate some of the amazingly diverse places in our nation. Readers of all ages will want to visit each amazing place again and again!

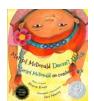


Giving Thanks

Also available in Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

A traditional Iroquois celebration of the beauty and spirit of Mother Earth, as told by a contemporary Mohawk chief.



Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match/ Marisol McDonald no combina

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

Mismatched and fabulous Marisol McDonald celebrates her Peruvian and Scottish heritage.



Dream Builder: The Story of Architect Philip Freelon

(Grades 3-5)

You've seen the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Now meet the man whose life went into building it.



Bein' with You This Way

Also available in Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

An African American girl and her friends play together and learn that despite their physical differences, they are all really the same.



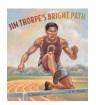
In Daddy's Arms I am Tall: African **Americans Celebrating Fathers**

(Grades PreK-2)

In this intergenerational collection of poetry by new and established African American writers, fatherhood is celebrated with honor, humor, and grace.



America Past & Present continued



Jim Thorpe's Bright Path

(Grades 3-5)

Meet Jim Thorpe, an exceptional athlete with natural talent and the first Native American to win an Olympic gold medal.



Young Cornrows Callin Out the Moon

(Grades PreK-2)

Who needs a backyard when you've got brownstone steps, double dutch, and freeze tag beneath the sizzling summer sun?



Juneteenth Jamboree

Also available in Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

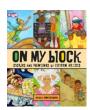
The story of a young girl who experiences the sights, sounds, and traditions of Juneteenth–a holiday that celebrates the emancipation of the last slaves in the United States.



Under My Hijab

(Grades PreK-2)

This lovely book from the author of Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns invites readers to understand and appreciate hijab and the Muslim women who decide to wear it.



On My Block: Stories and Paintings by Fifteen Artists

(Grades PreK-2)

Fifteen fine artists portray, in words and pictures, the places and spaces most special to them.

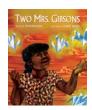


Quinito's Neighborhood/ El vecindario de Quinito

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades PreK-2)

Join Quinito in exploring his neighborhood as he finds out that it is made up of much more than buildings, streets, and shops. It is made up of the people he knows and loves.



Two Mrs. Gibsons

(Grades 3-5)

Author Toyomi Igus's tender and touching tribute to the two most important women in her life—her Japanese mother and her African American grandmother.



When the Shadbush Blooms

(Grades PreK-2)

A young Lenape Indian girl observes and reflects on the small, important ways both her family and her ancestors celebrate the cycle of seasons.



Magic Like That

(Grades PreK-2)

In this celebration of Black Girl Magic, a young girl finds confidence and excitement in the versatility of her natural hair and the way her different hairstyles reflect the natural world.



The Storyteller's Candle/La velita de los cuentos

Bilingual English/Spanish

(Grades 3-5)

Cousins Hildamar and Santiago long for their home in Puerto Rico—until they discover the library, thanks to Pura Belpré, New York City's first Latina librarian.



Civics Curriculum Resources

For more information on how to incorporate civics education into your school, consult the following resources and organizations:

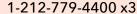
- Civics Roadmap in 7 Themes by Educating for American Democracy (EAD)
 - Attps://www.educatingforamericandemocracy.org/theroadmap/7themes/
- The Rendell Center A https://rendellcenter.org/
- CivXNow, a project of iCivics https://civxnow.org/resource/all-resources/
- Center for Civic Education: https://www.civiced.org/
- Facing History & Ourselves Civics Resources: Attps://www. facinghistory.org/why-facing-history/promoting-democracy
- College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards from the National Council for the **Social Studies**
 - https://www.socialstudies.org/standards/c3
- History and Civics Materials for the nation's 250th anniversary from Edsitement, a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities
 - Attps://edsitement.neh.gov/teachers-guides/moreperfect-union-0

- "The need for civic education in 21st-century schools": Attps://www.brookings.edu/policy2020/bigideas/theneed-for-civic-education-in-21st-century-schools/
- "Reconstructing Citizenship" from the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/reconstruction/ citizenship
- Teaching Civics Through History by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History https://www.gilderlehrman.org/history-resources/ curriculum/teaching-civics-through-history
- The Missing Infrastructure for Elementary (K-5) Social Studies Instruction: Findings from the 2022 American Instructional Resources Survey by RAND https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA134-17.
- NAEP Report Card: U.S. History and NAEP Report Card: Civics https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/highlights/ ushistory/2018 ttps://www.nationsreportcard.gov/highlights/civics/2018

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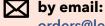
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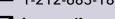


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