

I See the Rhythm by Toyomi Igus, illustrated by Michele Wood

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

Surfer of the Century: The Life of Duke Kahanamoku by Ellie Crowe, illustrated by Richard Waldrep

The true story of Hawaiian Duke Kahanamoku, six-time Olympic swimming champion and legendary surfer who popularized surfing around the world.

Galaxy Games: The Challengers by Greg Fishbone

Ty Sato and several other Earth children who are recruited by aliens to play in the Galaxy Games earn Earth spot in the galactic community and save planet Mrendaria from galactic shunning.

Diverse Energies by Tobias S. Buckell, illustrated by Joe Monti

A collection of dystopian short stories featuring diverse main characters and by authors of color.

Su Dongpo: Chinese Genius by Demi

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

Summer of the Mariposas by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

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.

Twenty-Two Cents: The Story of Muhammad Yunus by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Jamel Akib

A biography of 2006 Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, who revolutionized global antipoverty efforts by developing the innovative economic concept of microlending.

Game, Set, Match Champion Arthur Ashe by Crystal Hubbard, illustrated by Kevin Belford

A picture book biography of tennis player Arthur Ashe, who began his career playing tennis as a child on the segregated courts in Virginia and went on to become the top tennis player in the world.

How We Are Smart by W. Nikola-Lisa, illustrated by Sean Qualls

Musician Tito Puente.
Ballerina Maria Tallchief.
Explorer Matthew Henson.
Congresswoman Patsy Mink.
Biographies of twelve
talented people introduce
readers to the eight ways
people can be smart and the
realization that intelligence is
"not about how smart you
are, but how you are smart."

Chess Rumble by G. Neri, illustrated by Joshua Watson

A story in free verse about a troubled boy who learns to use his mind instead of his fists through the guidance of an unconventional mentor and the game of chess.

Gorilla Walk written & illustrated by Ted and Betsy Lewin

In this delightful nonfiction travelogue, the Lewins trek through southern Uganda to visit mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.

Tofu Quilt by Ching Yeung Russell

A collection of poems telling the story of Yeung Ying, a young girl in Hong Kong in the 1960's who, against the conventions of society and family members, aspires to become a writer.

