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!

**THE PERFECT GIFT**
written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Shirley Ng-Benitez
Mei’s little brother is turning 100 days old, and Mei is determined to find the perfect gift for his special day.
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**THE GARDEN**
written by Gwendolyn Hooks, 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.
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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 need a friend.
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**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 different transportation maps.
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Check out our early chapter book series about Rafi and Rosi, two Puerto Rican tree frog siblings having fun together and learning about science and social studies topics during their adventures on their island home.

**RAFI AND ROSI**
written and illustrated by Lulu Delacre
Rafi amazes Rosi with magic he finds everywhere in nature, but he needs her help when his hermit crab runs away.
Also available in Spanish
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**RAFI AND ROSI CARNIVAL!**
written and illustrated by Lulu Delacre
Rafi and Rosi celebrate Puerto Rico’s joyous holiday, Carnival.
Also available in Spanish
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**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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**Diverse Summer Reading List**

**Grades PreK-2**

**DREAMING UP**
written and illustrated by Christy Hale
A collection of illustrations, concrete poetry, and photographs that shows how young children's constructions, created as they play, are reflected in notable works of architecture from around the world.

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**OUR CELEBRACIÓN!**
written by Susan Middleton Elya, illustrated by Ana Aranda
A town celebrates summer with a joyful parade in this rhyming story written in English with Spanish words sprinkled throughout.

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**UNDER MY HIJAB**
written by Hena Khan, illustrated by Aaliya Jaleel
As a young girl enjoys the many female connections in her life, readers come to understand and appreciate the hijab and the Muslim women who choose to wear it.

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**WHEN AIDAN BECAME A BROTHER**
written by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita
This sweet #ownvoices picture book celebrates the changes in a transgender boy's life, from his initial coming-out to becoming a big brother.

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**ZOMBIES DON’T EAT VEGGIES**
written and illustrated by Megan and Jorge Lacera
In this delightful debut by a talented husband-and-wife team, Mo Romero is a zombie with a deep, dark secret . . . he loves vegetables!

Also available in Spanish

[Online at leeandlow.com](leeandlow.com/books/zombies-don-t-eat-veggies)

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**GALÁPAGOS GIRL / GALAPAGUEÑA**
written by Marsha Diane Arnold, illustrated by Angela Dominguez
This charming bilingual picture book introduces the fascinating creatures of the Galápagos Islands through the life of one very lucky girl.

Bilingual English/Spanish

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**BENJI, THE BAD DAY, AND ME**
written by Sally J. Pla, illustrated by Ken Min
Sammy is having the absolute rottenest, worst day ever. His little brother, Benji, knows exactly what that’s like in this tender story involving neurodiversity.

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**A LIBRARY FOR JUANA**
written by Pat Mora, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal
An inspiring, award-winning biography of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, a renowned Mexican scholar, composer, writer, and feminist who defied convention in the pursuit of education.

Also available in Spanish

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STONE RIVER CROSSING
written by Tim Tingle
From the award-winning author of How I Became a Ghost, 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.
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ANA MARÍA REYES DOES NOT LIVE IN A CASTLE
written by Hilda Eunice Burgos
In this sparkling middle-grade debut, a Dominican American girl in New York City juggles an upcoming piano showcase and her hopes of entering an elite private school with her big, boisterous family and community.
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THE WIND CALLED MY NAME
written by Mary Louise Sanchez
In this heartwarming historical middle-grade novel set in the 1930s, Margarita Sandoval and her family navigate the shifting winds of belonging in their new Wyoming town.
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THERE’S NO BASE LIKE HOME
written by Jessica Mendoza and Alana Mendoza Dusan, illustrated by Ruth McNally Barshaw
ESPN baseball analyst and two-time Olympic medalist Jessica Mendoza teams up with her sister Alana Mendoza Dusan for this heartwarming, highly illustrated novel for young readers about Sophia’s quest to find her place on a softball team.
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All books feature informative sidebars, highlighted vocabulary words, a timeline, a glossary, a bibliography, and recommended reading.

THE STORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS HERO JOHN LEWIS
written by Jim Haskins & Kathleen Benson, illustrated by Aaron Boyd
Meet John Lewis, a leader in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and a revered Congressman today.
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THE STORY OF MOVIE STAR ANNA MAY WONG
written by Paula Yoo, illustrated by Lin Wang
Meet Anna May Wong, whose trailblazing career in Hollywood broke new ground for future generations of Asian American actors.
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THE STORY OF TENNIS CHAMPION ARTHUR ASHE
written by Crystal Hubbard, illustrated by Kevin Belford
Meet Arthur Ashe, one of the most compelling tennis players, athletes and humanitarians of the twentieth century.
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THE STORY OF WORLD WAR II HERO IRENA SENDLER
written by Marcia Vaughan, illustrated by Ron Mazellan
Meet Irena Sendler, a social worker who helped save nearly 2500 Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto during the Nazi occupation of Poland.
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**Grades 6-8**

**ALL THE STARS DENIED**
written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
Guadalupe Garcia McCall tackles the hidden history of the United States’s first mass deportation event, which swept up hundreds of thousands of Mexican American citizens during the Great Depression.
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**SUMMER OF THE MARIPosas**
written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
In this creative telling 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.
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**GRAND THEFT HORSE**
written by G. Neri, illustrated by Corban Wilkin
Author G. Neri shares the powerful story of his cousin Gail Ruffu, who stole a racehorse in order to save it, and ended up taking on the whole racing industry to fight for the humane treatment of animals.
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**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.
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**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* bestselling artist John Jennings.
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**UNDER THE MESQUITE**
written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
Lupita, a budding actor and poet in a close-knit Mexican American immigrant family, comes of age as she struggles with adult responsibilities during her mother’s long illness.
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**YUMMY: THE LAST DAYS OF A SOUTHSIDE SHORTY**
written by G. Neri, illustrated by Randy DuBurke
A graphic novel based on the true story of Robert “Yummy” Sandifer, an eleven-year-old boy from Chicago’s South Side who was killed by his own gang members.
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**ETCHED IN CLAY: THE LIFE OF DAVE, ENSLAVED POTTER AND POET**
written and illustrated by Andrea Cheng
This older biography in verse reveals the life of Dave, an enslaved potter who inscribed his works with sayings and short poems, in spite of the slave anti-literacy sentiment in the years leading up to the Civil War.
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**AHIMSA**
written by Supriya Kelkar
In this historical novel set in India, 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.
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**CAT GIRL’S DAY OFF**
written by Kimberly Pauley
Natalie “Cat Girl” Ng, who has the ability to talk to cats, must save the day when she is the only one who can see the true story of a kidnapped celebrity and the imposter who took her place.
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1. Use scissors to cut along the dotted lines.

2. Fold the bookmark in the middle (purple arrow).

3. Use a gluestick or tape to stick both sides together.

Name of Book:  
I was surprised by:

Name of Book:  
I want to find out more about:

Name of Book:  
I related to:

Name of Book:  
A new word that I discovered:

Name of Book:  
My favorite character is:

Name of Book:  
I learned that: