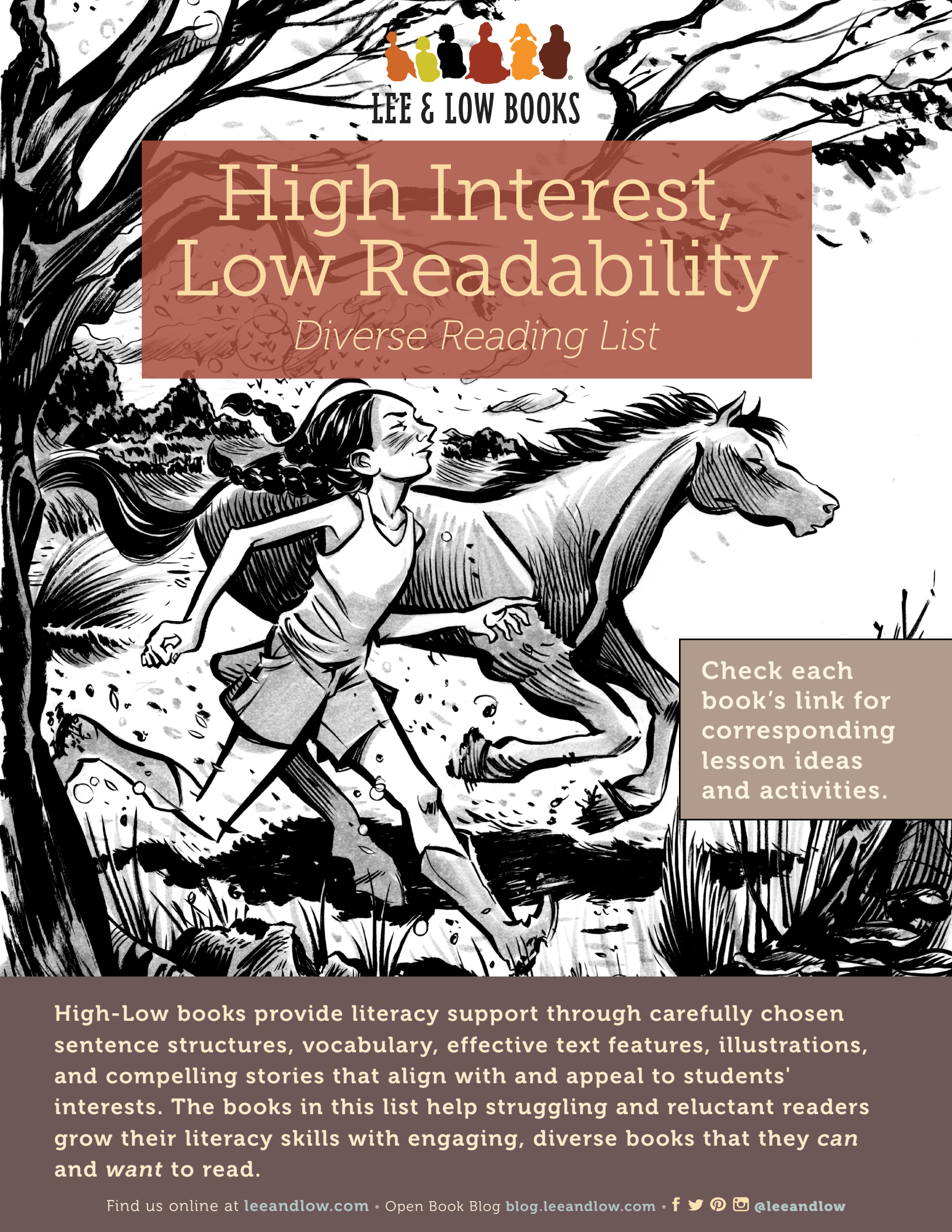


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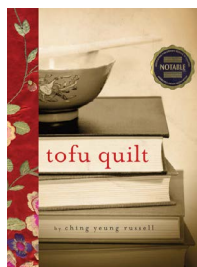
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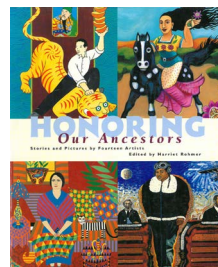
Check each
book's link for
corresponding
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High-Low books provide literacy support through carefully chosen sentence structures, vocabulary, effective text features, illustrations, and compelling stories that align with and appeal to students' interests. The books in this list help struggling and reluctant readers grow their literacy skills with engaging, diverse books that they can and want to read.

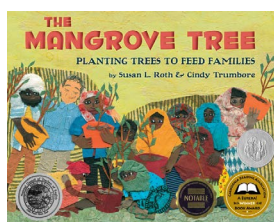
Grades 3-5



Tofu Quilt • A collection of poems telling the story of Yeung Ying, a young girl in Hong Kong in the 1960s who, against the conventions of society and family members, aspires to become a writer.
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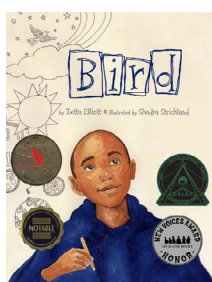
Honoring Our Ancestors • Through stories, art, and photographs, *Honoring Our Ancestors* will inspire children and their families to gain strength from the past as they ask themselves, "Who do I honor?"
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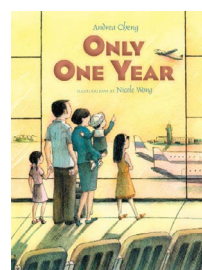
The Mangrove Tree: Planting Trees to Feed Families • With alternating verse and prose passages, readers discover how Dr. Gordon Sato's mangrove-tree planting project transformed an impoverished village in Eritrea into a self-sufficient community.
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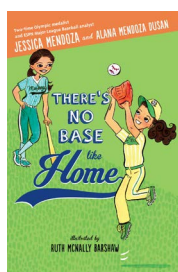
Mama's Window • After his mother dies, "Sugar" Martin is sent to live with his gruff uncle Free, a crippled loner who makes his living fishing in a swamp in the Mississippi Delta in the early 1900s.
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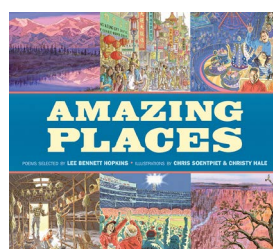
Bird • An African American boy nicknamed Bird uses drawing as a creative outlet as he struggles to make sense of his grandfather's death and his brother's drug addiction.
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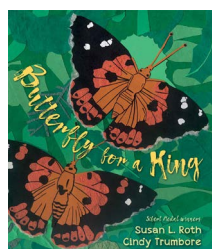
Only One Year • Three Chinese American children learn to trust and love one another again after the youngest child returns from a year living in China with extended family.
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There's No Base Like Home • ESPN Major League Baseball analyst and two-time Olympic medalist Jessica Mendoza teams up with her sister Alana Mendoza Dusan for their first highly-illustrated novel for young readers, a Dork Diaries for sporty kids.
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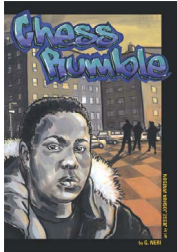


Butterfly for a King: Saving Hawai'i's Kamehameha Butterflies • The fascinating true story of a beautiful native Hawaiian butterfly, a great Hawaiian warrior king, and current-day efforts by scientists and citizens to restore the butterfly's declining population.
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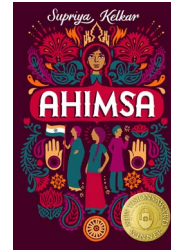


Around the World • From New York to China to Australia and six other countries, an unrelenting basketball game rages on as kids compete and play for keeps, all determined to sink the winning shot. Presented in graphic, comic book style.
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Grades 6-8



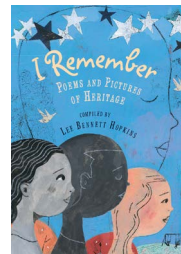
Chess Rumble • In this longer story told in free verse, a troubled boy learns to use his mind instead of his fists through the guidance of an unconventional mentor and the game of chess.
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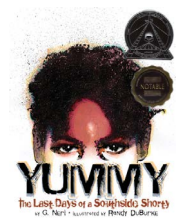
Ahimsa • In this historical novel, Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when Anjali's mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother's work.
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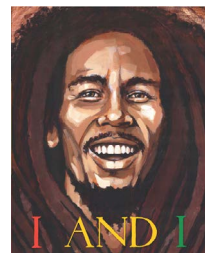
The Shadow Prince • In this middle grade solarpunk novel set in an alternate Egyptian universe, twelve-year-old Ash must compete and survive to become the shadow—and protector—of the prince.
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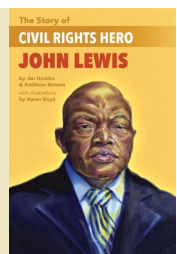


Yummy • This graphic novel is based on the true story of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an eleven-year-old boy from Chicago's South Side who was killed by his own gang members.
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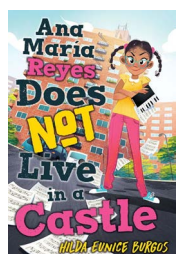
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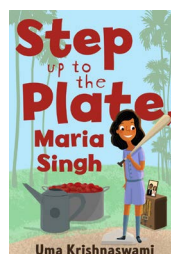
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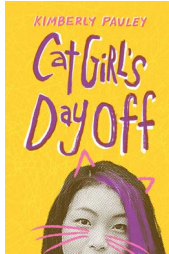


Ana Maria Reyes Does Not Live in a Castle • The Penderwicks meets *In the Heights* in this sparkling middle-grade debut about a young Dominican American girl in New York City.
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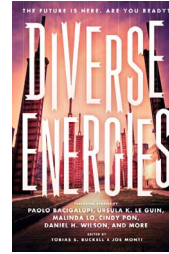


Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh • While her parents and neighbors are struggling through World War II, working for India's independence, and trying to stay on their farmland, nine-year-old Maria Singh learns to play softball just like her heroes in the All-American Girls' League.
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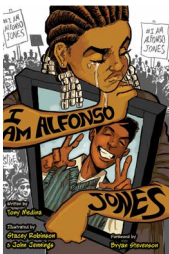
Grades 9-12



Cat Girl's Day Off • 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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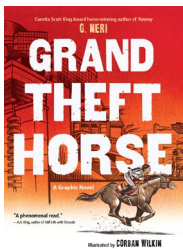
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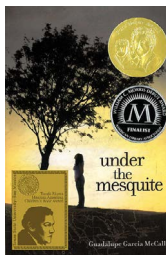
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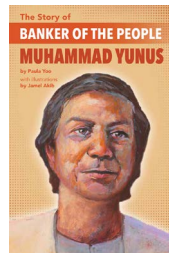
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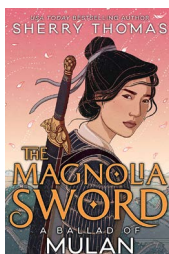
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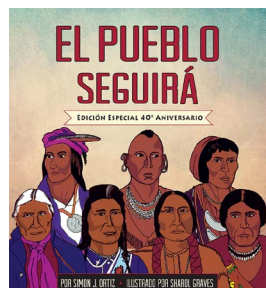
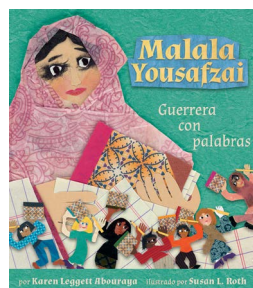
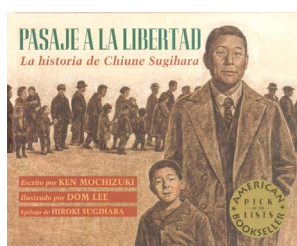
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