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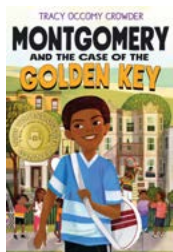
Diverse Booklist



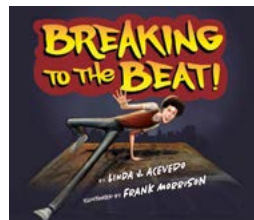
Check each book's link for corresponding lesson ideas and activities.

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



Montgomery and the Case of the Golden Key • It's 2008, and ten-year-old Montgomery "Monty" Carver is out to find the origin of a golden key found in his Southside Chicago community—which may or may not host the next Olympic games, or supply the next President of the United States, or... have a potential ghost hanging around.



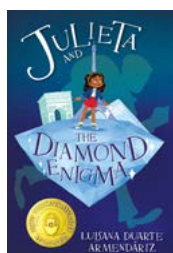
Breaking to the Beat • A boogie-down picture book about a shy boy named Manolo who overcomes his fears and insecurities to become part of a new innovative dance style called breaking.



Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes • Meet fifteen remarkable athletes who use adaptive equipment in this beautiful and truth-telling picture book.



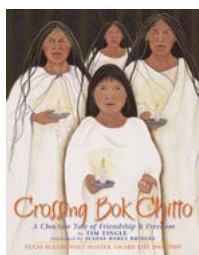
Miles of Style: Eunice W. Johnson and the EBONY Fashion Fair • A chic biography about Eunice W. Johnson who brought elegant and contemporary fashion to Black America through the annual EBONY Fashion Fair!



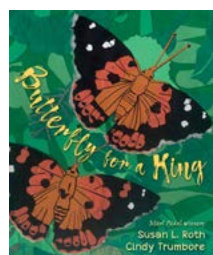
Julietta and the Diamond Enigma • Here is a smart young middle-grade mystery about a diamond gone missing from the Louvre and the sweet and spunky girl who cracks the case.



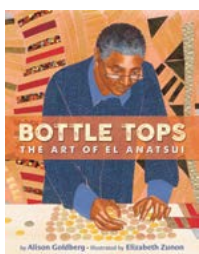
The Wild Ones • From the creators of *Zombies Don't Eat Veggies!* comes a heartwarming and epic tale of four best friends who turn to the mythical monsters from their respective cultures to help them save the only home they've ever known. (Also available in Spanish) (Graphic novel)



Crossing Bok Chitto • 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.



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.



Bottle Tops: The Art of El Anatsui • The inspiring biography of Ghanaian artist El Anatsui whose handmade sculptures, created from discarded bottle tops, have received international acclaim and been showcased around the world.



The Pot that Juan Built • With vibrant illustrations by Caldecott Medal winner David Diaz, *The Pot that Juan Built* is sure to enlighten all who are fascinated by traditional art forms, Mexican culture, and the power of the human spirit to find inspiration from the past. (Also available in Spanish).

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.



I Remember: Poems and Pictures of Heritage • In a 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.



Maximilian & the Mystery of the Guardian Angel/Maximilian y el misterio del Ángel de la Guarda • Meet Maximilian, an 11-year-old lucha libre fan that's always looking for an adventure, Luchador action, and drama, on an engaging roller coaster ride for young readers. (Bilingual English/Spanish)

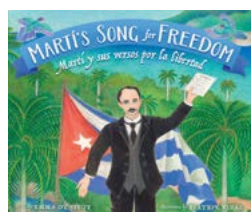


Safe Passage • In this companion to bestselling and highly acclaimed Yummy, Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author G. Neri returns with an epic journey across the South Side of Chicago for Darius, his little sister Cissy, and his best friend Booger as they set out to find an armored truck that has lost a payload of cash. (Graphic novel)

See the rest of the Max's Lucha Libre Adventure series at leeand.com/collections/maximilian-s-lucha-libre-adventures-series.



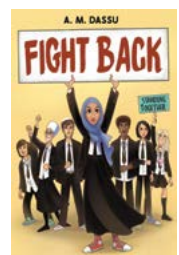
Rise of the Halfling King: Tales of the Feathered Serpent #1 • This middle grade graphic novel follows the adventures of a magical boy from Maya mythology in the first of a series based on ancient Mesoamerican myths and legends.



Martí's Song for Freedom/Martí y sus versos por la libertad • 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 Martí's seminal work, *Versos sencillos*.



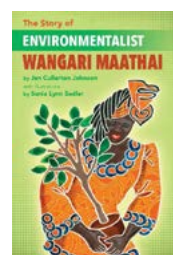
The Shadow Prince • In this novel set in an alternate Egyptian universe, twelve-year-old Ash must compete and survive to become the shadow—and protector—of the prince.



Fight Back • Meet 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.



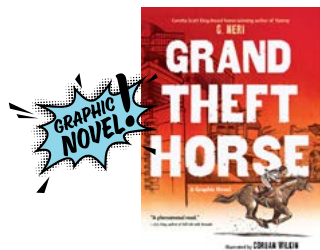
The Longest Night in Egypt • *The Shadow Prince* saga continues as Ash and his heroic friends rush to save Ra from the belly of Apep and bring light back to an Egypt that has been plunged into darkness.



The Story of Environmentalist Wangari Maathai • This inspiring entry in the "Story of" line of chapter-book biographies features Wangari Maathai, the first African woman, and environmentalist, to win a Nobel Peace Prize.

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Grades 9-12



Grand Theft Horse • 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. (Graphic novel)



The Moonlit Vine • Fourteen-year-old Taina just learned that she is a descendant of a long line of strong Taino women, but will knowing this help her bring peace and justice to her family and community? (Also available in Spanish.)

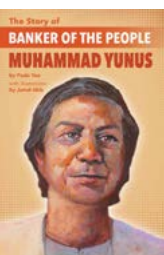


Killer of Enemies • A post-Apocalyptic YA novel with a steampunk twist, based on an Apache legend.

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Boys of the Beast • Three cousins. Four days. One car. This smart and fearless road-trip novel is perfect for fans of David Levithan, Benjamin Alire Saenz, or Meg Medina.

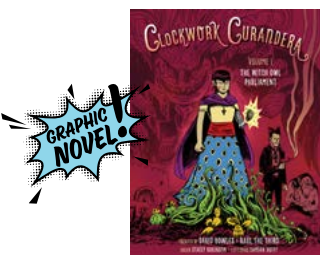


The Story of Banker of the People Muhammad Yunus • Meet Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus, who revolutionized global antipoverty efforts by developing the innovative economic concept of micro-lending.

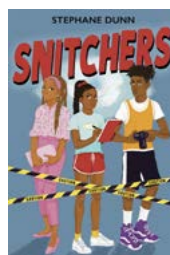
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Echoes of Grace • In this triumphant new novel, Pura Belpré Award-winning author Guadalupe García McCall explores sisterhood, family secrets, intergenerational trauma, life, and love in a modern Gothic setting with a magical realist twist.



The Witch Owl Parliament (Clockwork Curandera Volume 1) • Discover a graphic novel unlike any other—a brilliant steampunk reimagining of Frankenstein set in colonial Mexico. (Also available in Spanish) (Graphic novel)



Snitchers • 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 by award-winning playwright Stephanie Dunn.



When a Brown Girl Flees • Join Aamna Qureshi, a Muslim teen, who runs away from home only to find herself on a breathtaking journey of healing, self-love, and hope.



That Summer Night on Frenchmen Street • Set in magical New Orleans, two teens from vastly different worlds discover that sharing their strengths, including the love of their friends and family, may just be the path to finding wholeness within themselves.

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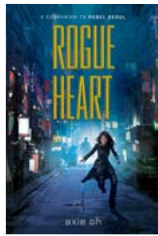
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Gabi, a Girl in Pieces HL820L • Gabi's life is a mess—her family, her friends, her attempts at a love life—but writing helps, especially since it turns out she's pretty good at poetry.



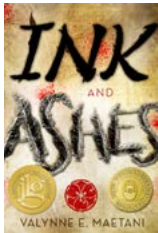
The Everything I Have Lost HL670L • Julia keeps lists in her diary—lists of everything she loses. When her lists end up including her dad and her home, she finds comfort in the pages, but she'll need more than that to find the truth.



Rogue Heart HL790L • *Warcross* meets *Final Fantasy* in this companion novel to *Rebel Seoul*, in which a young telepath joins a rebel group on a secret mission to end a decades-long world war.



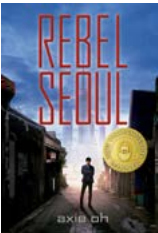
Jaya and Rasa: A Love Story HL610L • Jaya's a rich kid. Rasa's motherless and broke. Opposite sides of the tracks. Romeo and Juliet, on fair Oahu.



Ink and Ashes HL740L • In this heart-pounding YA mystery, teenager Claire Takata stumbles on a secret from the past and must race to outrun her father's dangerous legacy.



Rani Patel in Full Effect HL590L • Almost seventeen, Rani Patel is an Indian girl breaking cultural norms as a hip-hop performer, while grappling with family, friends, and trying to discover her strengths and restore the things she'd thought she lost.



Rebel Seoul HL730L • *Pacific Rim* meets Korean action dramas in this mind-blowing sci-fi novel set in New Seoul in the year 2199.



The Wind Called My Name HL700L • In this heartwarming historical middle-grade set in the 1930s — perfect for fans of *Esperanza Rising* and *Hattie Big Sky*— Margarita Sandoval and her family try to navigate the shifting winds of belonging in their new Wyoming town.



Pull HL680L • D-Bow is a Junior now. He can taste a State Championship, but he pulls his knee after a thunderous dunk.

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Iron River HL790L • An acclaimed YA debut novel that serves as a great alternative or companion to *To Kill a Mockingbird*—exploring the dynamics of systemic racism in the 1950s through the eyes of a Latino boy coming of age.


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