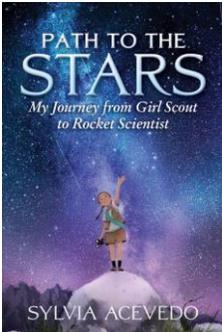


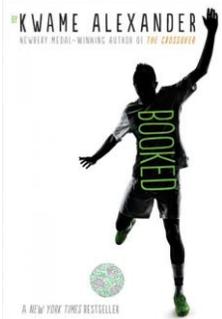
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Path to the Stars

Acevedo, Sylvia

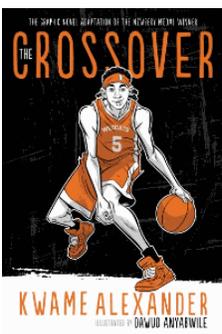
A Latina rocket scientist reveals how her early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and discusses how she reached her current position as the head of the Girl Scouts of the USA. A meningitis outbreak in their underprivileged neighborhood left Sylvia Acevedo's family forever altered. As she struggled in the aftermath of loss, young Sylvia's life transformed when she joined the Brownies. The Girl Scouts taught her how to take control of her world and nourished her love of numbers and science.



Booked

Alexander, Kwame

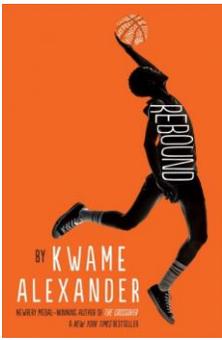
Soccer, family, love, and friendship take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read.



The Crossover (Available in full text and graphic novel formats)

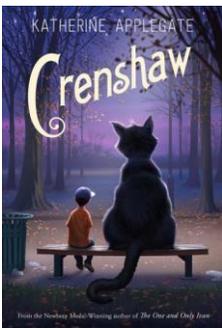
Alexander, Kwame

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health. This graphic-novel adaptation of Alexander's 2015 Newbery Medal winner offers powerful visuals to an already-cherished narrative of teenage black boys navigating the game of life.



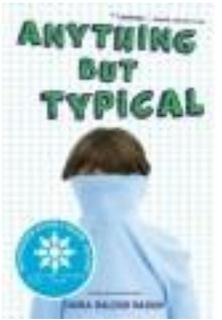
Rebound
Alexander, Kwame

Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. In this prequel to Newbery Medal winner *The Crossover*, Chuck Bell takes center stage, as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping basketball star his sons look up to.



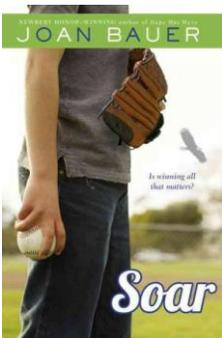
Crenshaw
Applegate, K.A.

Fearing his family will have to move into their minivan when they suffer another financial setback, Jackson finds support and comfort through his friendship with a giant imaginary cat.



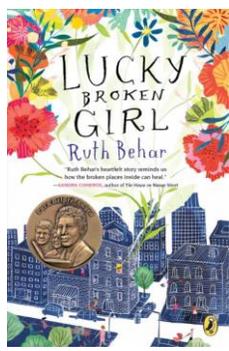
Anything But Typical
Baskin, Nora Raleigh

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.



Soar
Bauer, Joan

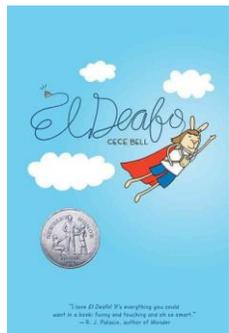
Newbery Honor–winner Joan Bauer's newest protagonist always sees the positive side of any situation—and readers will cheer him on! Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan. He *really* loves baseball and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach. Full of humor, heart, and baseball lore, *Soar* is Joan Bauer at her best.



Lucky Broken Girl

Behar, Ruthie

In this unforgettable multicultural narrative, based on the author's childhood in the 1960s, a young Cuban-Jewish immigrant girl is adjusting to her new life in New York City when her American dream is suddenly derailed. Ruthie's plight will intrigue readers, and her powerful story of strength and resilience, full of color, light, and poignancy, will stay with them for a long time.

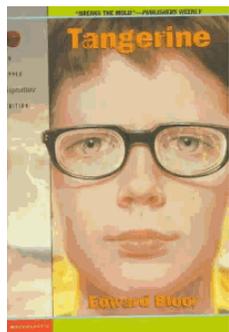


El Deafo

Bell, Cece

A poignant graphic tale, based on the creator's own experiences with hearing loss, follows the adventures of young Cece, who develops "superpowers" to manage the challenges of making friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid that sometimes lets her hear things she shouldn't.

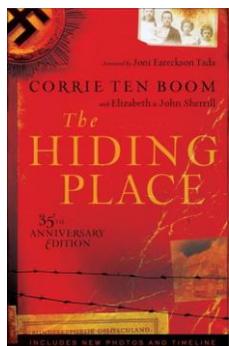
Also available with Spanish language text.



Tangerine

Bloor, Edward

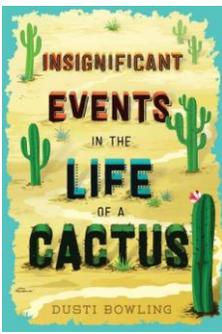
Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.



The Hiding Place

Boom, Corrie Ten

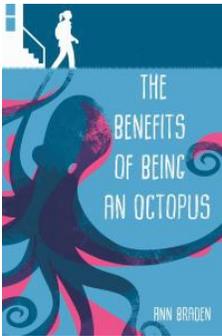
Corrie ten Boom was a woman admired the world over for her courage, her forgiveness, and her memorable faith. In World War II, she and her family risked their lives to help Jews escape the Nazis, and their reward was a trip to Hitler's concentration camps. But she survived and was released--as a result of a clerical error--and now shares the story of how faith triumphs over evil. The Hiding Place tells the riveting story of how a middle-aged Dutch watchmaker became a heroine of the Resistance and a survivor of Hitler's death camps.



Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus

Bowling, Dusti

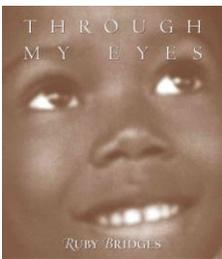
Thirteen-year-old Aven was born without arms and has trouble fitting in at her new school after her parents take a job at a dying western theme park, but she makes a new friend in a fellow disabled boy who helps her solve a mystery at the park.



The Benefits of Being an Octopus

Braden, Ann

Seventh-grader Zoey Albrow focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.



Through my Eyes

Bridges, Ruby

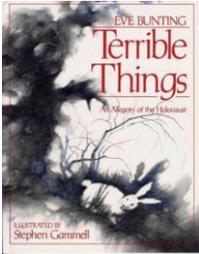
In November 1960, all of America watched as a tiny six-year-old black girl, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. An icon of the civil rights movement, Ruby Bridges chronicles each dramatic step of this pivotal event in history through her own words.



Two Roads

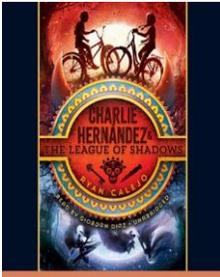
Bruchac, Joseph

At school, the other Creek boys quickly take Cal under their wings. Even in the harsh, miserable conditions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school, he begins to learn about his people's history and heritage. He learns their language and customs. And most of all, he learns how to find strength in a group of friends who have nothing beyond each other.



Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust
Bunting, Eve

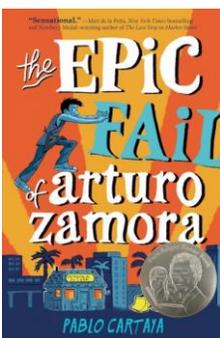
The animals of the forest are carried away, one type after another, by the Terrible Things, not realizing that if perhaps they would all stick together and not look the other way, such terrible things might not happen.



Charlie Hernandez and the League of Shadows
Calejo, Ryan

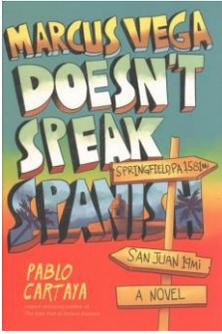
The Lightning Thief meets the *Story Thieves* series in this middle grade fantasy inspired by Hispanic folklore, legends, and myths from the Iberian Peninsula and Central and South America.

Charlie Hernández has always been proud of his Latin American heritage. He loves the culture, the art, and especially the myths. Thanks to his *abuela's* stories, Charlie possesses an almost encyclopedic knowledge of the monsters and ghouls who have spent the last five hundred years haunting the imaginations of children all across the Iberian Peninsula, as well as Central and South America. And even though his grandmother sometimes hinted that the tales might be more than mere myth, Charlie's always been a pragmatist.



The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
Cartaya, Pablo

When his family's restaurant and Cuban American neighborhood in Miami are threatened by a greedy land developer, thirteen-year-old Arturo, joined by Carmen, a cute poetry enthusiast, fight back, discovering the power of poetry and protest through untold family stories and the work of Josê Martâi.



Marcus Vega doesn't Speak Spanish

Cartaya, Pablo

After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mom decides it's time for a change of environment. She takes Marcus and his younger brother to Puerto Rico to spend a week with relatives they don't remember or have never met. But Marcus can't focus knowing that his father—who walked out of their lives ten years ago—is somewhere on the island.

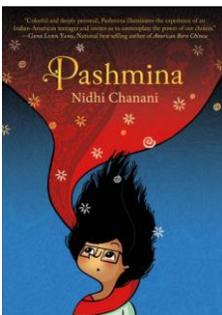
So begins Marcus's incredible journey, a series of misadventures that take him all over Puerto Rico in search of his elusive namesake. Marcus doesn't know if he'll ever find his father, but what he ultimately discovers changes his life. And he even learns a bit of Spanish along the way.



Forever or a Long, Long Time

Carter, Caela

Having shared so many foster homes that they are unable to trust that the family that has adopted them will last, Flora and her brother, Julian, are assisted by their new mother on a journey to resolve their past so that they can build a future.



Pashmina

Chanani, Nidhi

In this heartwarming graphic novel debut, Chanani weaves a tale about the hardship and self-discovery that is born from juggling two cultures and two worlds.

Priyanka Das has so many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? And most importantly, who is her father, and why did her mom leave him behind? But Pri's mom avoids these questions—the topic of India is permanently closed.



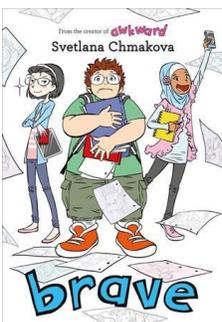
Turning Point
Chase, Paula

It's clear why Monique and Rasheeda are best friends: they're both good students and dancers, they live in the same low-income housing complex, and they work hard to make their parents proud. But when Mo is accepted into their school's talented and gifted dance program and later a prestigious sleep-away ballet intensive, Sheeda is left questioning her own dance ability. With what feels like a world between them, the girls navigate unfamiliar territory and the social pressures of adolescence. For Sheeda it's a balancing act of faith, family, and friendship, while Mo deals with the racial biases of the ballet world and struggles to remain true to herself. But what will hook readers is exploring what happens when the 'hood' comes face to face with whiteness in a cultural exchange that is sure to shift perspectives and move hearts.



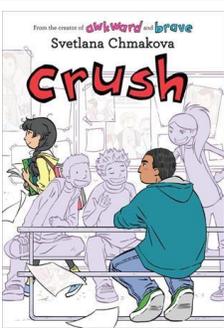
Awkward
Chmakova, Svetlana

After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.



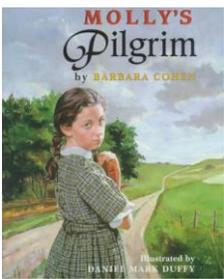
Brave
Chmakova, Svetlana

In Jenson's daydreams he is the biggest hero there ever was, in real life he is targeted by bullies and struggles in math class, and the pressure of middle school only keeps growing.



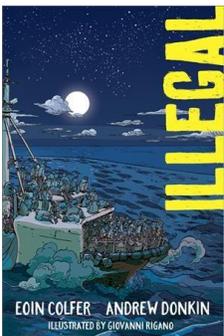
Crush
Chmakova, Svetlana

Jorge seems to have it all together. He's big enough that nobody really messes with him, but he's also a genuinely sweet guy with a solid, reliable group of friends. The only time he ever really feels off his game is when he crosses paths with a certain girl. But when the group dynamic among the boys starts to shift, will Jorge be able to balance what his friends expect of him versus what he actually wants?



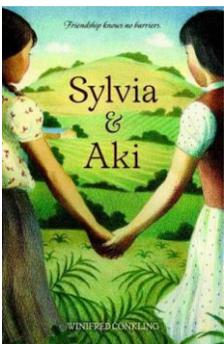
Molly's Pilgrim
Cohen, Barbara

Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.



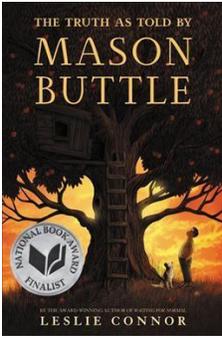
Illegal
Colfer, Eion

Ebo is alone. His brother, Kwame, has disappeared, and Ebo knows it can only be to attempt the hazardous journey to Europe, and a better life—the same journey their sister set out on months ago. But Ebo refuses to be left behind in Ghana. He sets out after Kwame and joins him on a quest to reach Europe. Every step of this epic journey he holds on to his hope for a new life and a reunion with his family.



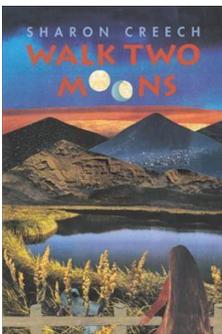
Sylvia & Aki
Conkling, Winifred

At the start of World War II, Japanese-American Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.



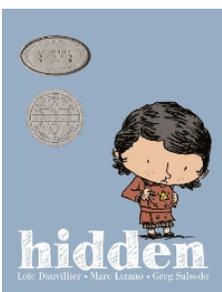
The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle,
Conor, Leslie

Both Mason and his new friend, tiny Calvin Chumsky, are relentlessly bullied by the other boys in their neighborhood, so they create an underground haven for themselves. When Calvin goes missing, Mason finds himself in trouble again. He's desperate to figure out what happened to Calvin and, eventually, Benny. But will anyone believe him?



Walk Two Moons
Creech, Sharon

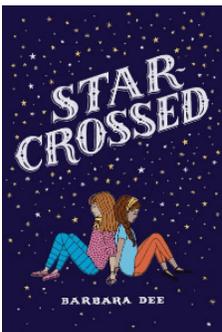
Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents. Along the way, she tells them a story of Phoebe Winterbottom, who received mysterious messages, who met a "potential lunatic," and whose mother disappeared.



Hidden
Dauvillier, Loïc

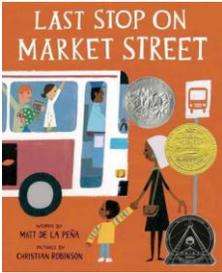
In this gentle, poetic graphic novel, Dounia, a grandmother, tells her granddaughter the story even her son has never heard: how, as a young Jewish girl in Paris, she was hidden away from the Nazis by a series of neighbors and friends who risked their lives to keep her alive when her parents had been taken to concentration camps.

Hidden ends on a tender note, with Dounia and her mother rediscovering each other as World War II ends . . . and a young girl in present-day France becoming closer to her grandmother, who can finally, after all those years, tell her story.



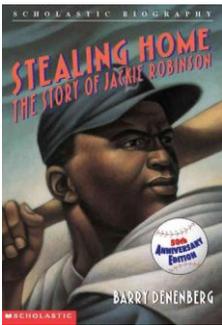
Star-crossed
Dee, Barbara

Mattie, a star student and passionate reader, is delighted when she lands the role of Romeo in the school's production of Romeo and Juliet. Mattie finds herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, the new girl who is playing Juliet, and confused, since days before she had been crushing on a boy in school. In this sweet and funny look at the complicated nature of middle school romance, Mattie learns how to be the lead player in her own life.



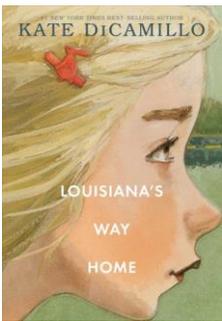
Last Stop on Market Street
De La Pena, Matt

Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty and fun in their routine and the world around them.



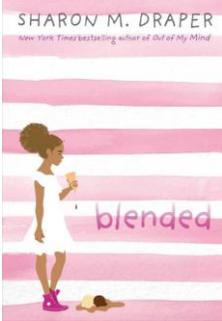
Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson
Denenberg, Barry

Chronicles the spectacular career of Jackie Robinson, both on and off the baseball diamond, as the Dodger outfielder became the first Black player in professional baseball



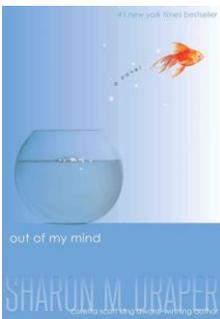
Louisiana's Way Home
DiCamillo, Kate

Awakened in the middle of the night by her fanatically paranoid grandmother, who declares they must leave and never return because the day of reckoning has arrived, a young girl bonds with people in a new community and wonders how long she will be allowed to remain.



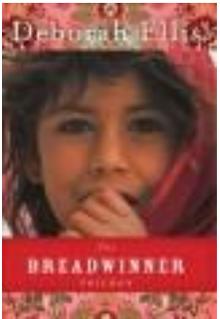
Blended
Draper, Sharon M.

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.



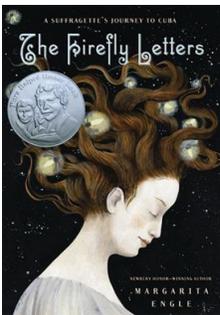
Out of my Mind
Draper, Sharon M.

Possessing a photographic memory in spite of an inability to walk or speak, Melody is mistaken as mentally challenged by those who cannot see beyond her cerebral palsy, impelling her to discover a way to communicate.



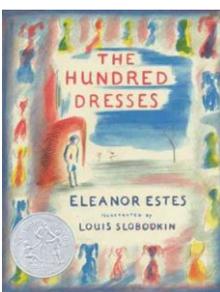
The Breadwinner Trilogy
Ellis, Deborah

This collection is three distinctive books in one! Ellis writes about a very brave and loving girl, Parvana, and a diverse and eclectic group of characters who live in war-torn, Taliban-ruled Kabul, Afghanistan.



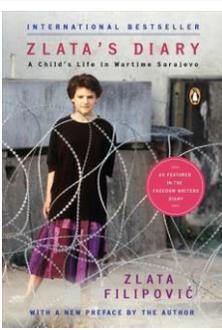
The Firefly Letters
Engle, Margarita

The freedom to roam is something that women and girls in Cuba do not have. Yet when Fredrika Bremer visits from Sweden in 1851 to learn about the people of this magical island, she is accompanied by Cecilia, a young slave who longs for her lost home in Africa. Soon Elena, the wealthy daughter of the house, sneaks out to join them. As the three women explore the lush countryside, they form a bond that breaks the barriers of language and culture.



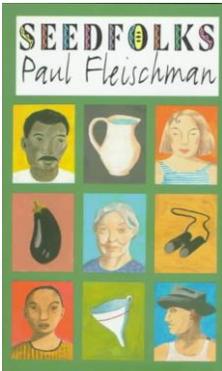
The Hundred Dresses
Estes, Eleanor

As a poor immigrant, a young girl is teased about wearing the same faded dress to school everyday and so tells a great lie that she has one hundred dresses at her home, yet when the fib results in even more teasing, an event suddenly takes place that teaches them all an important lesson about friendship and compassion.



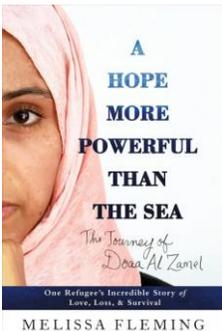
Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo
Filipovic, Zlata

A chronicle of the war in Sarajevo from a child's perspective details the author's struggle for survival and a normal life in a chaotic nation from 1991 through 1993, revealing how an innocent life of piano lessons and birthday parties was transformed into horrifying days of food shortages, friends dying, and hiding out in a neighbor's cellar during bombings.



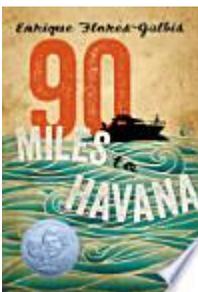
Seedfolks
Fleischman, Paul

One by one, a number of people of varying ages and backgrounds transform a trash-filled inner-city lot into a productive and beautiful garden, and in doing so, the gardeners are themselves transformed.



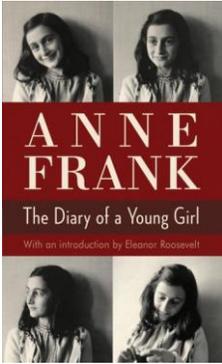
A Hope More Powerful than the Sea: One Refugee's Incredible Story of Love, Loss, and Survival
Fleming, Melissa R.

Recounts the powerful experiences of Syrian refugee Doaa Zamel, who was cast adrift in a frigid sea with the children of drowned parents after their dangerously overcrowded ship sank, in an account that details what their experiences reveal about an ongoing international crisis.



90 Miles to Havana
Flores-Galbis

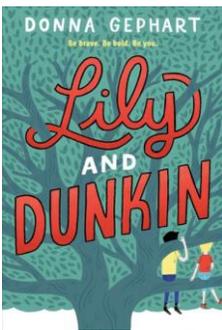
When Julian's parents make the heartbreaking decision to send him and his two brothers away from Cuba to Miami via the Pedro Pan operation, the boys are thrust into a new world where bullies run rampant and it's not always clear how best to protect themselves.



The Diary of a Young Girl

Frank, Anne

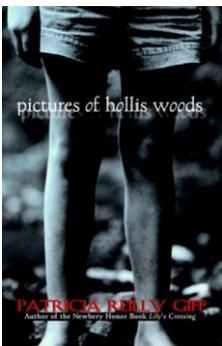
In 1942, with the Nazis occupying Holland, a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl and her family fled their home in Amsterdam and went into hiding. For the next two years, until their whereabouts were betrayed to the Gestapo, the Franks and another family lived cloistered in the Secret Annex; of an old office building. Cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, the constant cruelties of living in confined quarters, and the ever-present threat of discovery and death. In her diary Anne Frank recorded vivid impressions of her experiences during this period.



Lily and Dunkin

Gephart, Donna

In a poignant tale by an award-winning author, a transgender girl and a boy struggling with bipolar disorder forge a friendship based on their respective experiences as outsiders trying to fit in. Their powerful story will shred your heart, then stitch it back together with kindness, humor, bravery, and love. Gephart has written a story that will speak not just to one specific community, but to humanity as a whole.



Pictures of Hollis Woods

Giff, Patricia Reilly

When Hollis is sent to Josie, an elderly artist who is quirky and affectionate, she wants to stay. But Josie is growing more forgetful every day. If Social Services finds out, they'll take Hollis away and move Josie into a home. Well, Hollis Woods won't let anyone separate them. She's escaped the system before; this time, she's taking Josie with her. Still, even as she plans her future with Josie, Hollis dreams of the past summer with the Regans, fixing each special moment of her days with them in pictures she'll never forget.



George

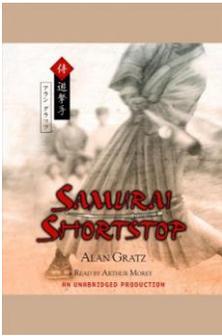
Gino, Alex

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self.



Refugee
Gratz, Alan

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.



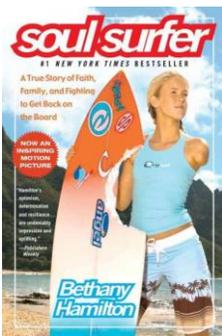
Samurai Shortstop
Gratz, Alan

At a time when Japan is eager to shed ancient traditions, Toyo is caught up in the new sport of baseball, but when his father decides to teach him the way of the samurai, Toyo grows to better understand his uncle and father while also using his new knowledge to excel at baseball.



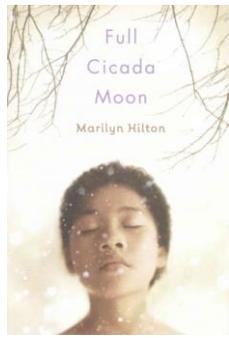
When Friendship Followed Me Home
Griffin, Paul

Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.



Soul Surfer
Hamilton, Bethany

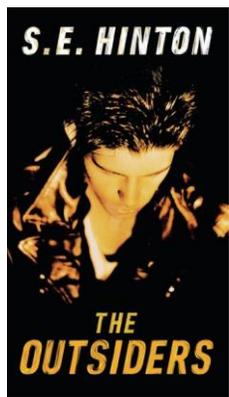
The teenage surfer who lost her arm in a shark attack in 2003 describes how she has coped with this life-altering event with the help of her faith, the changes in her life, and her return to the sport she loves. In this moving personal account of faith and fortitude, internationally ranked surfer Bethany Hamilton tells how she survived a shark attack that cost her arm--but not her spirit.



Full Cicada Moon
Hilton, Marilyn

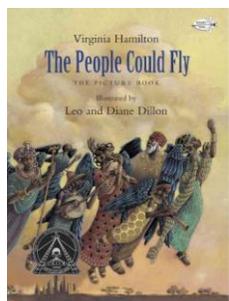
It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is getting ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien. Suddenly, Mimi's appearance is all anyone notices. She struggles to fit in with her classmates, even as she fights for her right to stand out by entering science competitions and joining Shop Class instead of Home Ec. And even though teachers and neighbors balk at her mixed-race family and her refusals to conform, Mimi's dreams of becoming an astronaut never fade—no matter how many times she's told no.

This historical middle-grade novel is told in poems from Mimi's perspective over the course of one year in her new town, and shows readers that positive change can start with just one person speaking up.



The Outsiders
Hinton, S.E.

Ponyboy can count on his brothers and his friends, but not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids who get away with everything, including beating up greasers like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect-until the night someone takes things too far.



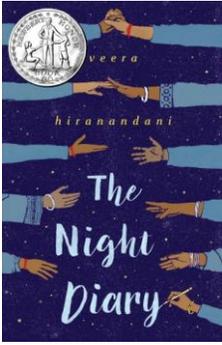
**The People could Fly:
American Black Folktales**
Hamilton, Virginia

An anthology of African-American folktales encompasses stories of animals, fantasy, the supernatural, and desire for freedom, born of the sorrow of the slaves, but passed on in hope.



The Magic in Changing your Stars
Henderson, Leah

After bungling his audition to play the Scarecrow in The Wiz, fifth-grader Ailey is magically transported to 1930s Harlem where he meets his own grandfather and legendary tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.



The Night Diary
Hiranandani, Veera

It's 1947, and India, newly independent of British rule, has been separated into two countries: Pakistan and India. The divide has created much tension between Hindus and Muslims, and hundreds of thousands are killed crossing borders.

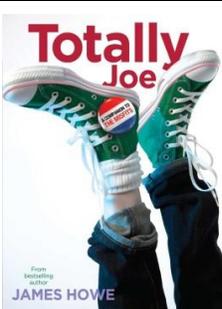
Half-Muslim, half-Hindu twelve-year-old Nisha doesn't know where she belongs, or what her country is anymore. When Papa decides it's too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees and embark first by train but later on foot to reach her new home. But even if her country has been ripped apart, Nisha still believes in the possibility of putting herself back together.

Told through Nisha's letters to her mother, *The Night Diary* is a heartfelt story of one girl's search for home, for her own identity...and for a hopeful future.



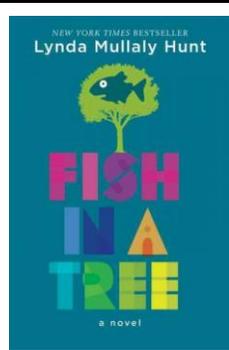
The Misfits
Howe, James

Kids who get called the worst names oftentimes find each other. That's how it was with us. Skeezie Tookis and Addie Carle and Joe Bunch and me. We call ourselves the Gang of Five, but there are only four of us. We do it to keep people on their toes. Make 'em wonder. Or maybe we do it because we figure that there's one more kid out there who's going to need a gang to be a part of. A misfit, like us. After years of getting by, they are given the chance to stand up and be seen - not as the one-word jokes their classmates have tried to reduce them to, but as the full, complicated human beings they are just beginning to discover they truly are.



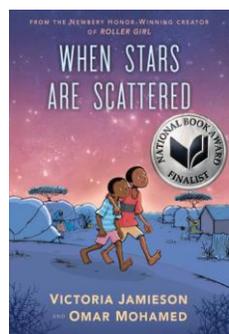
Totally Joe
Howe, James

Totally Joe is the second book in the Misfit series but can be read as a stand alone. This middle-school series follows a group of friends, and each book in the series follows one of their stories. Totally Joe is told from the point of view of Joe Bunch, an optimistic gay 12-year-old boy who is given the assignment to write his alphabiography: the story of his life from A to Z, which he writes in diary format. Through the pages of his assignment we get to experience firsthand what life is like for an out 12-year-old boy and the issues and challenges, as well as the joys and delights that he faces.



Fish in a Tree
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly

Hiding the truth about her inability to read from a highly motivated new teacher, Ally eventually discovers that her dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of and gains new confidence as she finds alternative ways to learn.



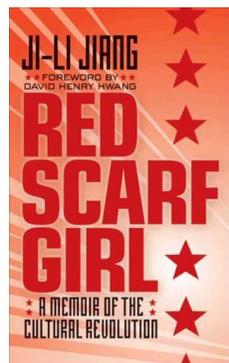
When Stars are Scattered
Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed

Heartbreak, hope and gentle humor exist together in this remarkable graphic novel about a childhood spent waiting, and a young man who is able to create a sense of family and home in the most difficult of settings. It's an intimate, important, unforgettable look at the day-to-day life of a refugee, as told to New York Times Bestselling author/artist Victoria Jamieson by Omar Mohamed, the Somali man who lived the story.



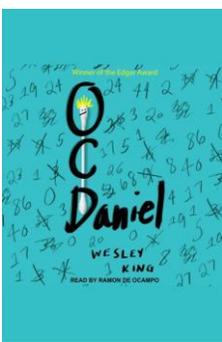
La Linea
Jaramillo, Ann

When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both.



Red Scarf Girl
Jiang, Ji-Li

It's 1966, and twelve-year-old Ji-li Jiang has everything a girl could want: brains, popularity, and a bright future in Communist China. But it's also the year that China's leader, Mao Ze-dong, launches the Cultural Revolution and Ji-li's world begins to fall apart. Over the next few years, people who were once her friends and neighbors turn on her and her family, forcing them to live in constant terror of arrest. And when Ji-li's father is finally imprisoned, she faces the most difficult dilemma of her life.



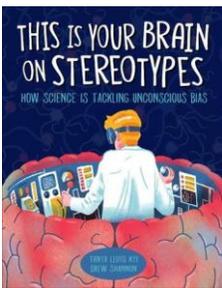
OCDaniel
King, Wesley

Daniel is the backup punter for the Erie Hills Elephants, which really means he's the waterboy. He spends football practice perfectly arranging water cups and hoping no one notices. Actually, he spends most of his time hoping no one notices his strange habits-he calls them Zaps: avoiding writing the number four, for example, or flipping a light switch on and off dozens of times over. He hopes no one notices he's crazy, especially his best friend, Max, and Raya, the prettiest girl in school.



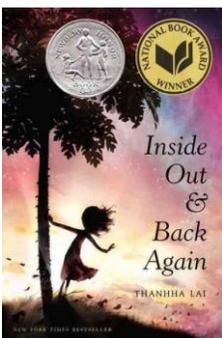
Slacker
Korman, Gordon

Cameron Boxer is very happy to spend his life avoiding homework, hanging out with his friends, and gaming for hours in his basement. It's not too hard for him to get away with it until he gets so caught up in one game that he almost lets his house burn down around him. Cameron and his friends invent a fake school club that will make it seem like they're doing good deeds instead of slacking off. The problem? Some kids think the club is real and Cameron is stuck being president. Soon Cameron is part of a mission to save a beaver named Elvis from certain extinction. Along the way, he makes some new friends and some powerful new enemies. The guy who never cared about anything is now at the center of everything and it's going to take all his slacker skills to win this round.



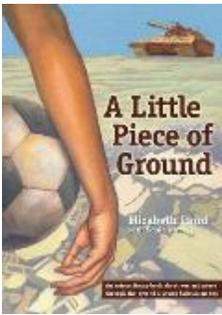
This is your Brain on Stereotypes
Kyi, Tanya Lloyd

An essential overview of the science behind stereotypes explains why brains form them, why applying stereotypes to people can cause great harm, how stereotypes influence the sense of self, and how to recognize and overcome personal biases to promote a fairer world.



Inside Out and Back Again
Lai, Thanhha

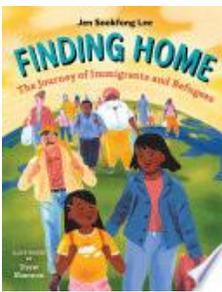
For all the ten years of her life, Ha' has only known Saigon: the thrill of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Ha' and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, Ha' discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food and the strength of her very own family.



A Little Piece of Ground

Laird, Elizabeth

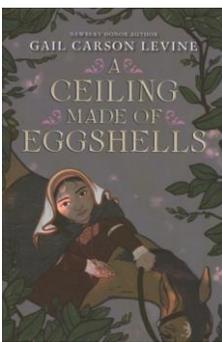
Twelve-year-old Karim Aboudi and his family are trapped in their Ramallah home by a strict curfew. In response to a Palestinian suicide bombing, the Israeli military subjects the West Bank town to a virtual siege. Meanwhile, Karim, trapped at home with his teenage brother and fearful parents, longs to play football with his friends. When the curfew ends, he and his friend discover an unused patch of ground that's the perfect site for a football pitch. Nearby, an old car hidden intact under a bulldozed building makes a brilliant den. But in this city there's constant danger, even for schoolboys. And when Israeli soldiers find Karim outside during the next curfew, it seems impossible that he will survive.



Finding Home

Lee, Jen Sookfong

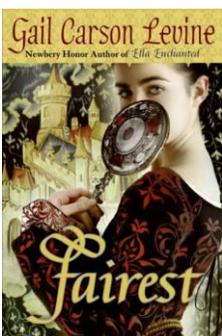
What drives people to search for new homes? From war zones to politics, there are many reasons why people have always searched for a place to call home. In *Finding Home: The Journey of Immigrants and Refugees* we discover how human migration has shaped our world. We explore its origins and the current issues facing immigrants and refugees today, and we hear the first-hand stories of people who have moved across the globe looking for safety, security and happiness.



A Ceiling Made of Eggshells

Levine, Gail Carson

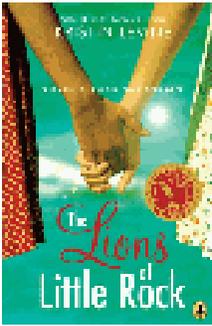
Excitedly joining her stern grandfather on a journey across 15th-century Spain, a clever young Jewish girl meets King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella while discovering how dangerous the world is for people of Jewish heritage.



Fairest

Levine, Gail Carson

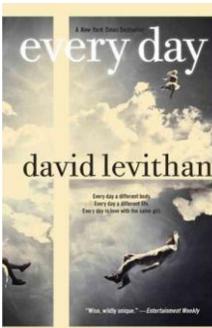
In the kingdom of Ayortha, who is the fairest of them all? Certainly not Aza. She is thoroughly convinced that she is ugly. What she may lack in looks, though, she makes up for with a kind heart, and with something no one else has a magical voice. Her vocal talents captivate all who hear them, and in Ontio Castle they attract the attention of a handsome prince and a dangerous new queen. In this masterful novel filled with humour, adventure, romance, and song, Newbery Honor author Gail Carson Levine invites you to join Aza as she discovers how exquisite she truly is.



The Lions of Little Rock

Levine, Kristin

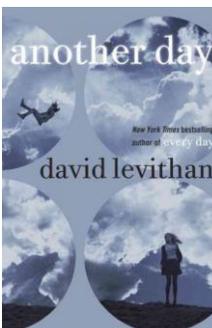
As twelve-year-old Marlee starts middle school in 1958 Little Rock, it feels like her whole world is falling apart. Until she meets Liz, the new girl at school. Liz is everything Marlee wishes she could be: she's brave, brash and always knows the right thing to say. But when Liz leaves school without even a good-bye, the rumor is that Liz was caught passing for white. Marlee decides that doesn't matter. She just wants her friend back. And to stay friends, Marlee and Liz are even willing to take on segregation and the dangers their friendship could bring to both their families.



Every Day

Levithan, David

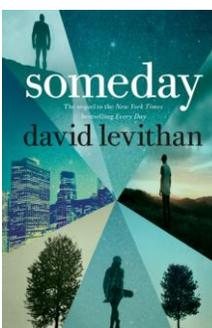
Waking up in the body of a different person every day and struggling to pass through each experience without raising alarm, "A" endures a lonely existence before falling in love with a girl named Rhiannon, with whom he endeavors to reunite.



Another Day

Levithan, David

In this enthralling companion to his New York Times best-seller Every Day, David Levithan tells Rhiannon's side of the story as she seeks to discover the truth about love and how it can change you.



Some Day

Levithan, David

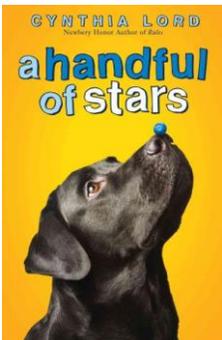
When A discovers there are others who wake up in a different person's body every day, A gains new understanding of the extremes where love and loneliness can lead, in a story told from multiple perspectives.



March

Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin

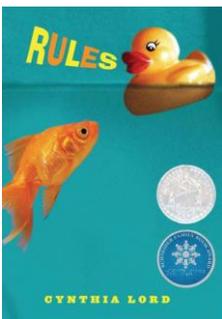
March is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis' lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis' personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.



A Handful of Stars

Lord, Cynthia

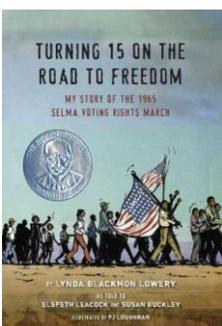
When her blind dog slips his collar, twelve-year old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family are in Maine for the blueberry-picking season, and, based partly on their mutual love of dogs, the two forge a friendship while painting bee boxes for Lily's grandfather--but as the Blueberry Queen pageant approaches Lily and Selma are confronted with some of the hard truths of prejudice and migrant life.



Rules

Lord, Cynthia

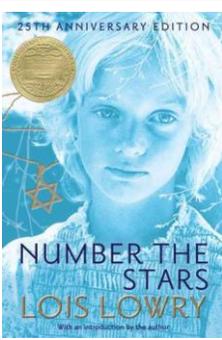
This book shares the relationship of a sister who creates, "rules" that she thinks will assist her autistic brother. A great choice for helping students accept the uniqueness that we all bring to the classroom and life.



Turning 15 on the Road to Road to Freedom

Lowery, Lynda Blackmon

As the youngest marcher in the 1965 voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, Lynda Blackmon Lowery proved that young adults can be heroes. Jailed nine times before her fifteenth birthday, Lowery fought alongside Martin Luther King, Jr. for the rights of African-Americans. In this memoir, she shows today's young readers what it means to fight nonviolently (even when the police are using violence, as in the Bloody Sunday protest) and how it felt to be part of changing American history.



Number the Stars

Lowry, Lois

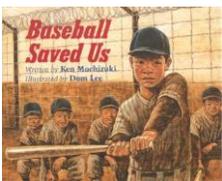
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.



Rain Reign

Martin, Ann M.

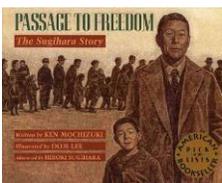
Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her beloved dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose is forced to confront the limits of her comfort levels, even if it means leaving her routines in order to search for her pet.



Baseball Saved Us

Mochizuki, Ken

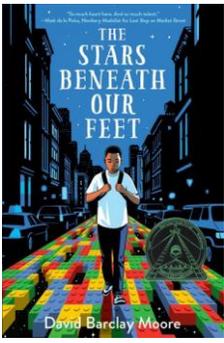
A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, and his ability to play helps him after the war is over. Inspired by a long-hidden and shameful part of America's past, and the people who triumphed over it, this modern classic remains a moving story of hope, courage, and endurance.



Passage to Freedom: The Sugihara Story

Mochizuki, Ken

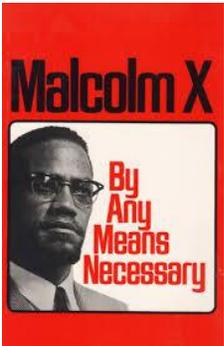
The true story of Chiune Sugihara, the "Japanese Schindler," who, with his family's encouragement, saved thousands of Jews in Lithuania during World War II.



The Stars Beneath our Feet

Moore, David Barclay

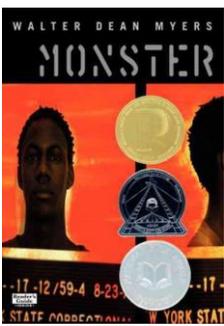
Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting, 12-year-old Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.



Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary

Myers, Walter Dean

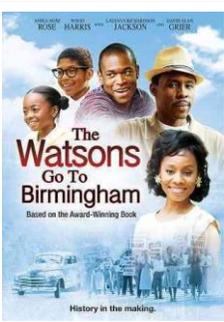
This is an engaging and informative text that exposes its reader to Malcolm X, a leader in the Civil Rights Movement, whose views differed from those of Dr. King.



Monster

Myers, Walter Dean

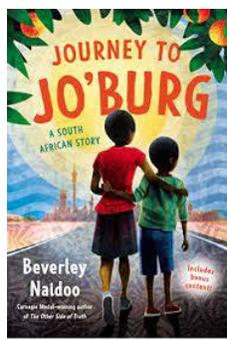
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.



The Watsons Go to Birmingham

Myers, Walter Dean

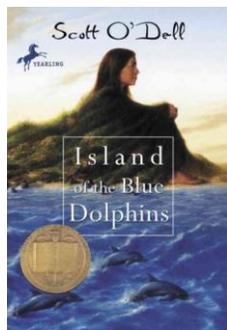
When an African American family from Michigan visits their grandmother in Birmingham, Alabama during the summer of 1963 their lives are changed.



Journey to Jo'burg: A South African Story

Naidoo, Beverley

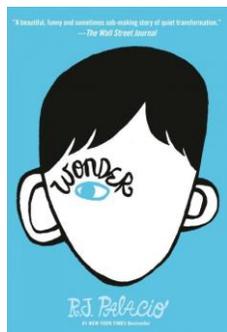
Journey to Jo'burg by Beverly Naidoo is the story of two South African children who embark alone on a long journey to find their mother, who works far from home. The children are black and, at the time the story takes place, South Africa is governed by a racially unjust system of laws called apartheid. On their journey, the children face a series of difficulties that demonstrate apartheid's unfairness and cruelty.



Island of the Blue Dolphins

O'Dell, Scott

Based on the haunting true story of a 19th century Native American girl abandoned for 18 years on an island and how she must ignore gender roles and prejudices in order to survive.

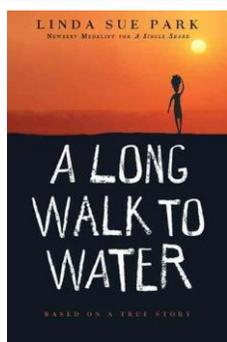


Wonder

Palacio, R.J.

Born with a facial deformity that initially prevented his attendance at public school, Auggie Pullman enters the fifth grade at Beecher Prep and struggles with the dynamics of being both new and different, in a sparsely written tale about acceptance and self-esteem.

Also available with Italian language text.



A Long Walk to Water

Park, Linda Sue

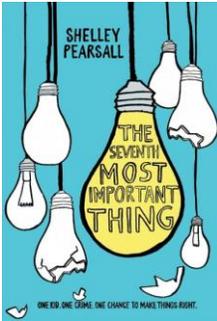
When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.



The Great Gilly Hopkins

Paterson, Katherine

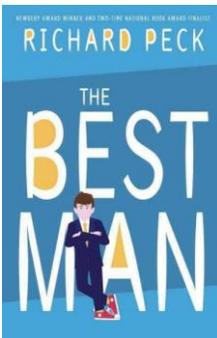
Eleven-year-old Gilly has been stuck in more foster families than she can remember, and she's hated them all. She has a reputation for being brash, brilliant, and completely unmanageable, and that's the way she likes it. So when she's sent to live with the Trotters; by far the strangest family yet; she knows it's only a temporary problem.



The Seventh Most Important Thing

Pearsall, Shelley

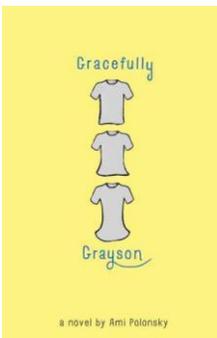
Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge and he is ready to send Arthur to juvie forever. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.



The Best Man

Peck, Richard

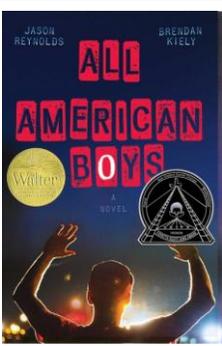
Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.



Gracefully Grayson

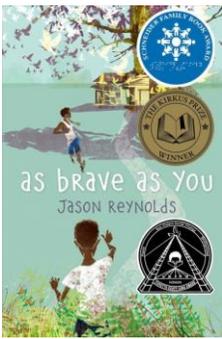
Polonsky, Ami

Hiding the truth about her awareness that she is a girl trapped inside a male body, Grayson finds new strength to embrace her true identity from an unexpected friendship and a supportive teacher.



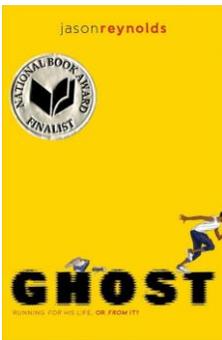
All American Boys
Reynolds, Jason and Brendan Kiely

There were witnesses: Quinn Collins; a varsity basketball player and Rashad's classmate who has been raised by Paul since his own father died in Afghanistan; and a video camera. Soon the beating is all over the news and Paul is getting threatened with accusations of prejudice and racial brutality. Quinn refuses to believe that the man who has basically been his savior could possibly be guilty. But then Rashad is absent. And absent again. And again. And the basketball team; half of whom are Rashad's best friends; start to take sides. As does the school. And the town. Simmering tensions threaten to explode as Rashad and Quinn are forced to face decisions and consequences they had never considered before.



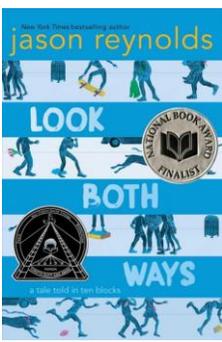
As Brave As You
Reynolds, Jason

When Genie and his older brother spend their summer in the country with their grandparents, he learns a secret about his grandfather and what it means to be brave.



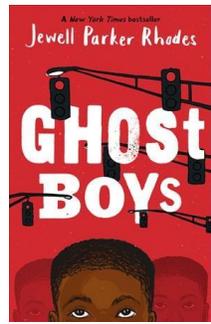
Ghost
Reynolds, Jason

Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school's track team, a gifted runner finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violence-prone father, in a debut entry of a series about four teammates from very different backgrounds. Also check out the other three books in this series: **Patina, Sunny** and **Lu**.



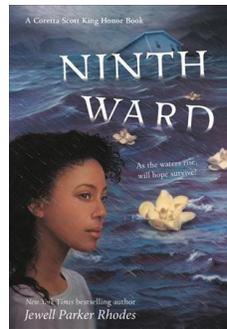
Look Both Ways
Reynolds, Jason

This story was going to begin like all the best stories. With a school bus falling from the sky. But no one saw it happen. They were all too busy. This is a collection of ten short stories that all take place in the same day about kids walking home from school.



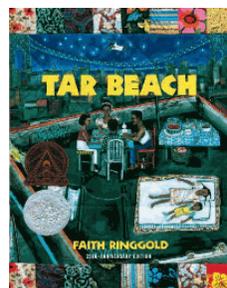
Ghost Boys
Rhodes, Jewel Parker

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing.



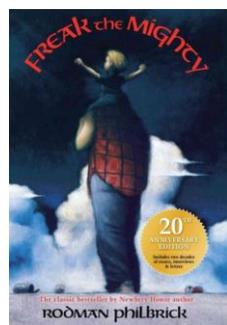
Ninth Ward
Rhodes, Jewel Parker

Rejected by her peers because of supernatural gifts that enable her to see spirits, 12-year-old Laneshia, a resident of New Orleans's Ninth Ward, receives affirmation from fiercely loving caretaker Mama Ya-Ya and is forced to draw on inner strength in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.



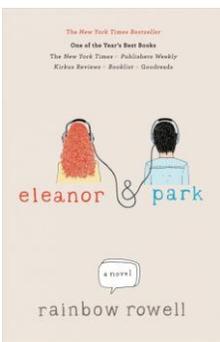
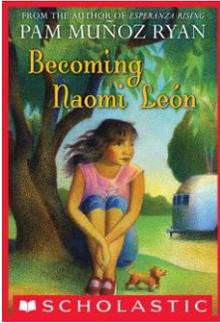
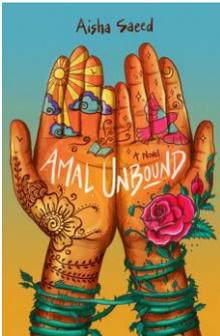
Tar Beach
Ringgold, Faith

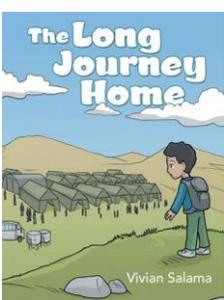
In a story based on a quilt painting by the author, eight-year-old Cassie Louise Lightfoot dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.



Freak the Mighty
Rodman, Philbrick

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

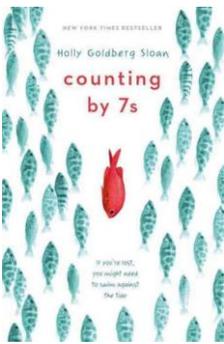
	<p>Eleanor and Park Rowell, Rainbow</p> <p>Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try. <i>"Eleanor & Park reminded me not just what it's like to be young and in love with a girl, but also what it's like to be young and in love with a book."</i>-John Green, <i>The New York Times Book Review</i></p>
	<p>Becoming Naomi Leon Ryan, Pam Muñoz</p> <p>Naomi Soledad Leon Outlaw has had a lot to contend with in her young life, her name for one. Then there are her clothes (sewn in polyester by Gram), her difficulty speaking up, and her status at school as "nobody special." But according to Gram, most problems can be overcome with positive thinking. And with Gram and her little brother, Owen, Naomi's life at Avocado Acres Trailer Rancho in California is happy and peaceful...until their mother reappears after seven years of being gone, stirring up all sorts of questions and challenging Naomi to discover and proclaim who she really is.</p> <p>Also available with Spanish language text.</p>
	<p>Esperanza Rising Ryan, Pam Muñoz</p> <p>Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.</p>
	<p>Amal Unbound Saeed, Aisha</p> <p>Life at the opulent Khan estate is full of heartbreak and struggle for Amal--especially when she inadvertently makes an enemy of a girl named Nabila. Most troubling, though, is Amal's growing awareness of the Khans' nefarious dealings. When it becomes clear just how far they will go to protect their interests, Amal realizes she will have to find a way to work with others if they are ever to exact change in a cruel status quo, and if Amal is ever to achieve her dreams.</p>



Long Journey Home

Salama, Vivian

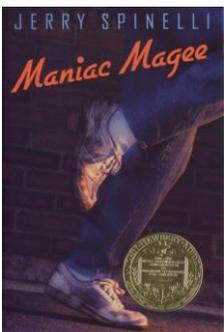
Hassan loves playing soccer, hanging out with his friends and eating his mother's home-cooked meatballs. But as calls for revolution begin to echo across Syria, his country is thrust into an era of chaos. As trouble creeps closer to his hometown, Hassan's friends flee Syria, one-by-one, to seek a better life abroad. One day, when his family suddenly decides to leave as well, Hassan is forced to abandon everything he knows, including his remaining friends, his school, and the soccer field he so dearly loves. Little does he know that his journey is just beginning. In this tale of migration and acceptance, inspired by true stories, an innocent Syrian boy is upended from everything he knows after his family flees his war-torn homeland in search of a better life.



Counting by 7's

Sloan, Holly Goldberg

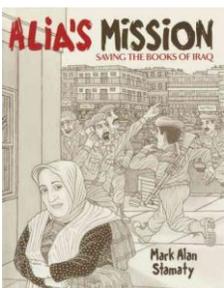
In the tradition of *Out of My Mind*, *Wonder*, and *Mockingbird*, this is an intensely moving middle grade novel about being an outsider, coping with loss, and discovering the true meaning of family.



Maniac Magee

Spinelli, Jerry

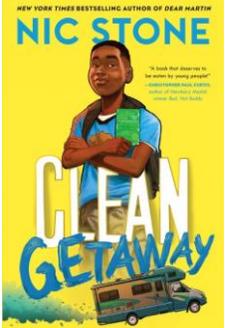
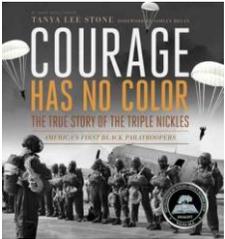
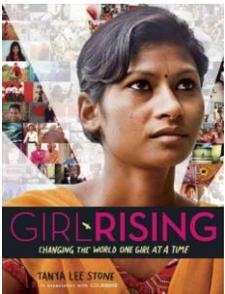
Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee might have lived a normal life if a freak accident hadn't made him an orphan. After living with his unhappy and uptight aunt and uncle for eight years, he decides to run-and not just run away, but run. This is where the myth of Maniac Magee begins, as he changes the lives of a racially divided small town with his amazing and legendary feats.



Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq

Stamaty, Mark Alan

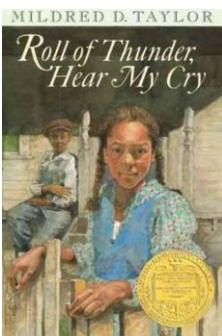
The inspiring story of an Iraqi librarian's courageous fight to save books from the Basra Central Library before it was destroyed in the war. The inspiring story of an Iraqi librarian's courageous fight to save books from the Basra Central Library before it was destroyed in the war. It is 2003 and Alia Muhammad Baker, the chief librarian of the Central Library in Basra, Iraq, has grown worried given the increased likelihood of war in her country. Determined to preserve the irreplaceable records of the

	<p>culture and history of the land on which she lives from the destruction of the war, Alia undertakes a courageous and extremely dangerous task of spiriting away 30,000 books from the library to a safe place.</p>
	<p>Clean Getaway Stone, Nic</p> <p>An 11-year-old boy confronts the realities of race relations past and present and the mysterious agenda of his unconventional grandmother during an unplanned spring break road trip through the once-segregated American South.</p>
	<p>Courage has No Color Stone, Tanya Lee</p> <p>Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against little-known attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II, and "proved that the color of a man had nothing to do with his ability."</p>
	<p>Girl Rising Stone, Tanya Lee</p> <p>A gorgeous, full-color oversized book about educating girls across the world inspired by the documentary that <i>Entertainment Weekly</i> says "every mother, sister, daughter, should see, as well as the men who love and support them." This is the perfect book for fans of inspirational nonfiction such as <i>I Am Malala</i> and anyone who believes that one girl can change the world.</p>



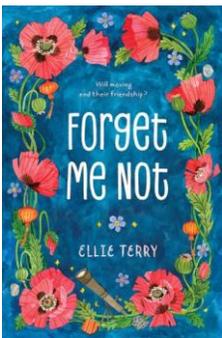
The Arrival
Tan, Shaun

This wordless graphic novel is the story of a man who leaves his wife and daughter to immigrate to a foreign country. The panels follow the man on his boat journey as he learns to survive and make a new life in a bizarrely foreign place where he can barely speak or read the language. He slowly meets other immigrants and he hears their stories. By the end, the man has brought his family to him and they have assimilated into society. The artwork is ornate with detail. Tan has created a whimsical, fantastical world that will be so foreign to the reader that they will understand what the man is experiencing.



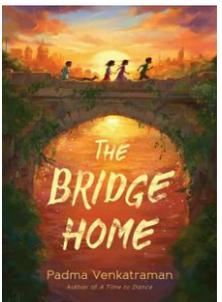
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry
Taylor, Mildred D.

This is a remarkably moving novel--one that has impressed the hearts and minds of millions of readers. Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, it is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. And, too, it is Cassie's story--Cassie Logan, an independent girl who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is so crucial to the Logan family, even as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect.



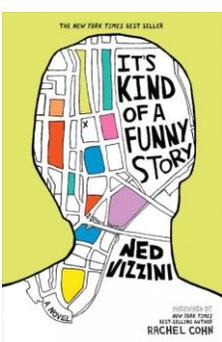
Forget Me Not
Terry, Ellie

Struggling to hide her Tourette Syndrome tics after moving to yet another school, Calliope June is quickly seen as different and wonders how she will navigate her mother's new relationship and a friendship with the class president, who seems to see Calliope as she truly is.



The Bridge Home
Venkatraman, Padma

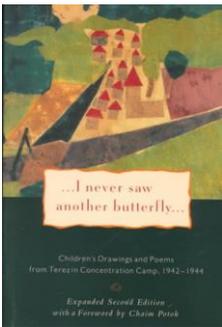
Readers will be captivated by this beautifully written novel about young people who must use their instincts and grit to survive. Padma shares with us an unflinching peek into the reality millions of homeless children live every day but also infuses her story with hope and bravery that will inspire readers and stay with them long after turning the final page.



It's Kind of a Funny Story

Vizzini, Ned

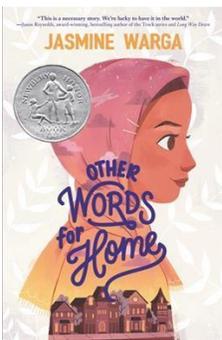
Like many ambitious New York City teenagers, Craig Gilner sees entry into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School as the ticket to his future. Determined to succeed at life—which means getting into the right high school to get into the right college to get the right job—Craig studies night and day to ace the entrance exam, and does. That's when things start to get crazy. At his new school, Craig realizes that he isn't brilliant compared to the other kids; he's just average, and maybe not even that. He soon sees his once-perfect future crumbling away.



I Never saw Another Butterfly

Volavkova', Hans

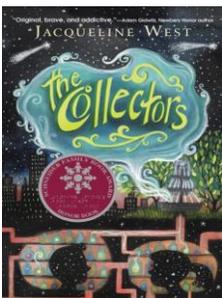
Fifteen thousand children under the age of fifteen passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp. Fewer than 100 survived. In these poems and pictures drawn by the young inmates, we see the daily misery of these uprooted children, as well as their hopes and fears, their courage and optimism.



Other Words for Home

Warga, Jasmine

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.



The Collectors

West, Jacqueline

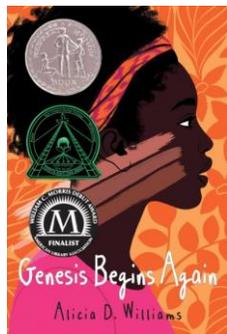
Overlooked in class, a hearing-impaired boy who collects lost or discarded trinkets discovers a dangerous underground world full of stolen wishes and the people who collect them.



Uglies Series

Westerfeld, Scott

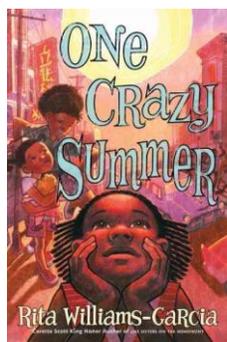
Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.



Genesis begins Again

Williams, Alicia

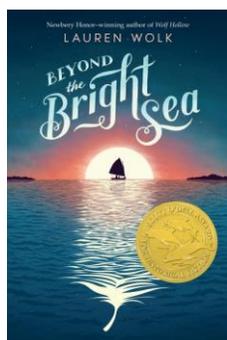
Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is.



One Crazy Summer

Williams-Garcia, Rita

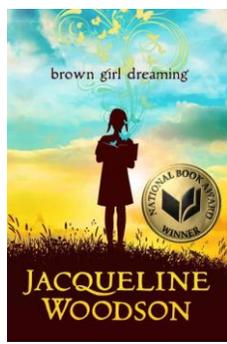
In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn, New York, to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, 11-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a dedicated poet and printer, is resentful of their intrusion and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.



Beyond the Bright Sea

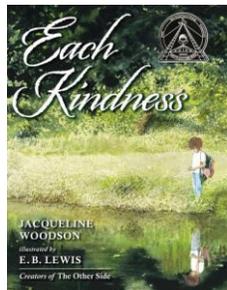
Wolk, Lauren

Set adrift on the ocean in a small skiff as a newborn, twelve-year-old Crow embarks on a quest to find the missing pieces of her history.



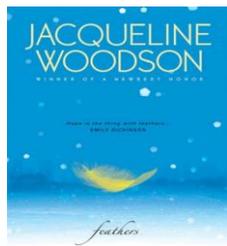
Brown Girl Dreaming
Woodson, Jacqueline

In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South.



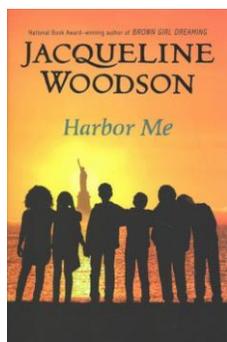
Each Kindness
Woodson, Jacqueline

Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya.



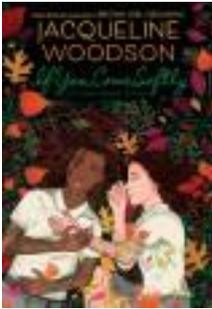
Feathers
Woodson, Jacqueline

Inspired by a poem she read at school, Frannie begins to see her world in a new light and deals with her brother's deafness, her mother's fear, and her best friend's faith in a hopeful new way.



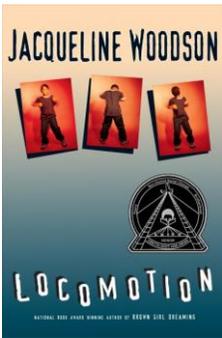
Harbor Me
Woodson, Jacqueline

When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.



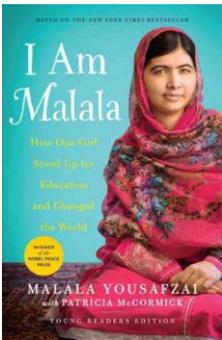
If You Come Softly
Woodson, Jacqueline

Jeremiah feels good inside his own skin. That is, when he's in his own Brooklyn neighborhood. But now he's going to be attending a fancy prep school in Manhattan, and black teenage boys don't exactly fit in there. So it's a surprise when he meets Ellie the first week of school. In one frozen moment their eyes lock, and after that they know they fit together--even though she's Jewish and he's black. Their worlds are so different, but to them that's not what matters. Too bad the rest of the world has to get in their way.



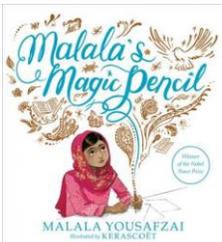
Locomotion
Woodson, Jacqueline

Having lost his parents in a fire and been placed in a foster home away from his little sister, Lili, Lonnie is forced to adjust to his new surroundings while coping with his loss on his own, thus, with the encouragement and help of a special teacher, he turns to poetry to help him express his feelings and make sense of it all.



I am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World
Yousafzai, Malala

Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.



Malala's Magic Pencil
Yousafzai, Malala

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for. She saw a world that needed fixing. And even if she never found a magic pencil, Malala realized that she could still work hard every day to make her wishes come true.

