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About the List and Criteria for Selection

The books that appear in this annotated list were evaluated and selected by a Book Review Committee appointed by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and assembled in cooperation with the Children's Book Council (CBC). NCSS and CBC have cooperated on this annual bibliography since 1972. Books selected for this bibliography were published in 2019 and were written for children in grades K-12. The Book Review Committee looks for books that emphasize human relations, represent a diversity of groups and are sensitive to a broad range of cultural experiences, present an original theme or a fresh slant on a traditional topic, are easily readable and of high literary quality, have a pleasing format, and, where appropriate, include illustrations that enrich the text. Each book is read by several reviewers, and books are included on the list by committee assent; the annotations do not necessarily reflect the judgment of the entire committee.

Publishers' addresses are available in standard reference works such as *Children's Books in Print* (R.R. Bowker) and *Literary Market Place* (R.R. Bowker), and from CBC. CBC's Members List is available at cbcbooks.org/publishers/our-members/.


Titles are arranged by broad subject categories. Although many are appropriate for more than one category, they have been placed where their usefulness in social studies education appears greatest. Annotators have also indicated the thematic strands (shown below) from *National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies: A Framework for Teaching, Learning, and Assessment*, to which the book relates.

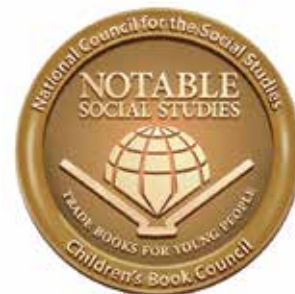
Thematic Strands of the NCSS Curriculum Standards for Social Studies

- 1 CULTURE
- 2 TIME, CONTINUITY, AND CHANGE
- 3 PEOPLE, PLACES, AND ENVIRONMENTS
- 4 INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT AND IDENTITY
- 5 INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, AND INSTITUTIONS
- 6 POWER, AUTHORITY, AND GOVERNANCE
- 7 PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION
- 8 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY
- 9 GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
- 10 CIVIC IDEALS AND PRACTICES

Key to a Notable Listing

1. The titles marked with an asterisk are Selectors' Choices—books that individual committee members responded to with particular enthusiasm. 2. Title: Subtitle 3. Author(s) 4. Illustrator 5. Publisher. 6. Number of pages 7. International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) are included for trade edition. The symbol "F" indicates that a paperback edition is forthcoming. A publisher's name between parentheses indicates that a different publisher will issue the paperback edition. 8. Price as of January 2020 9. Reading levels: P: Primary (K-2), I: Intermediate (3-5), M: Middle (6-8), H: High (9-12). They are intended as guidelines and are not meant to limit the potential use of titles. 10. Brief descriptive annotation, plus notations of the presence of additional textual materials, if any. 11. Initials indicating the reviewer responsible for the annotation (see list at right). 12. Thematic strands of the national curriculum standards for social studies in order of relevancy (see list above).

1. 	2. Buffalo Sisters.	3. Jim Morrison.	4. Illustrated with various photographs.
5. Whiffman Press.	6. 56 pp.	7. Trade ISBN 0-696-67321-1, Library ISBN 0-696-64213-X, F (Wannamaker)	8. \$12.89.
9. (M, H)	10. The true story of sisters Florence and Ester Weeks's childhood on the American frontier.	11. (ABM)	12. 3, 5



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BIOGRAPHY

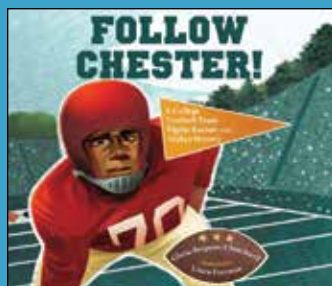
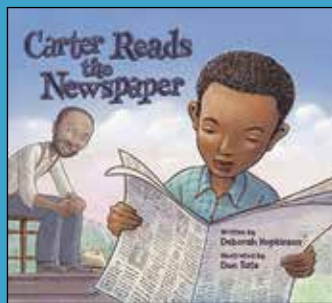
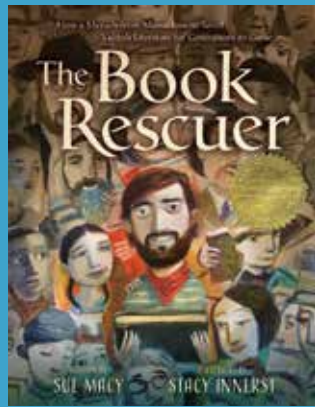
THE ASTRONAUT WHO PAINTED THE MOON: THE TRUE STORY OF ALAN BEAN. Dean Robbins. Illustrated by Sean Rubin. Scholastic / Orchard Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781338259537, \$17.99. (P) Astronaut Alan Bean uses his paintbrush to bring the awe and wonder of his moon landing back to Earth for all to enjoy. Includes Alan Bean Quotes, Photographs, A Brief History of Science Exploration Timeline, Author's Note, Bibliography. (CH) 2, 3, 8

THE BOOK RESCUER: HOW A MENSCH FROM MASSACHUSETTS SAVED YIDDISH LITERATURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. Sue Macy. Illustrated by Stacy Innerst. Simon & Schuster / Paula Wiseman Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481472203, \$17.99. (I) Highlighting the importance of preserving history and culture, this picture book tells the true story of Aaron Lansky's efforts to preserve Yiddish language and culture by rescuing Yiddish books from around the world. Includes Afterword, Photographs, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Glossary of Yiddish Words and Expressions, For More Information, Source Notes. (KJ) 1, 2

CARTER READS THE NEWSPAPER. Deborah Hopkinson. Illustrated by Don Tate. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9781561459346, \$17.95. (I) Historian Carter G. Woodson's upbringing is brought to life in this informative picture book. Woodson's interest in literacy is highlighted, though it is important to understand why literacy was not an option for many African Americans of his time. Includes Learn More about Carter G. Woodson, List of Black Leaders Pictured in the Book, Carter G. Woodson's Life and Accomplishments, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Bibliography, Quotation Sources. (LW) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

THE CRAYON MAN: THE TRUE STORY OF THE INVENTION OF CRAYOLA CRAYONS. Natascha Biebow. Illustrated by Steven Salerno. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781328866844, \$17.99. (P, I) Edwin loved color! After multiple attempts, his hope of creating a box of eight crayons to help children color the world finally came to be. Back matter shares how crayons are made and more of Edwin's story. Includes How Crayola Crayons Are Made Today, A Man Who Loved Color (Biography of Edwin Binney), Bibliography. (CH) 7, 8


DANCING HANDS: HOW TERESA CARREÑO PLAYED THE PIANO FOR PRESIDENT LINCOLN. Margarita Engle. Illustrated by Rafael López. Simon & Schuster /



Atheneum Books For Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781481487405, \$17.99. (P) From a violent Venezuelan revolution to the lonely life of an immigrant, young Teresa played music for comfort. Once in the United States, she became a renowned pianist who played for a grieving Abraham Lincoln. Includes Historical Note. (JVP) 1, 3, 4

DEAR AMERICA: YOUNG READERS' EDITION: THE STORY OF AN UNDOCUMENTED CITIZEN. Jose Antonio Vargas. HarperCollins / Harper. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9780062914590, \$16.99. (M) Vargas, an award-winning journalist, reveals how he came to America illegally from the Philippines and how he kept his undocumented status hidden for years. The author shows what it is like to be undocumented in the United States. (BMB) 3, 4, 6, 10

FOLLOW CHESTER!: A COLLEGE FOOTBALL TEAM FIGHTS RACISM AND MAKES HISTORY Gloria Respress-Churchwell. Illustrated by Laura Freeman. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580898355, \$16.99. (P) Chester Pierce, an African American college student and football player at Harvard, confronted racism in the Jim Crow South to play with his team against the University of Virginia in 1947. Includes Facts About the Mason-Dixon Line, Facts About Dr. Chester Pierce and the Historical Game at UVA, Photograph of the 1947 Harvard Football Team, Author's Note, Bibliography, Source Notes. (BMB) 2, 3, 10

 **INFINITE HOPE: A BLACK ARTIST'S JOURNEY FROM WORLD WAR II TO PEACE.** Written and illustrated by Ashley Bryan. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum BFYR / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 112pp. Trade ISBN 9781534404908, \$21.99. (M) Ashley Bryan conveys the experience of discrimination he and his fellow soldiers shared during their fight against Nazi Germany. Multiple visual and written primary sources create the look and feel of a worn scrapbook. Includes A Note About the Children, Sources, Index. (ECG) 2, 6

JUST LIKE RUBE GOLDBERG: THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY OF THE MAN BEHIND THE MACHINES. Sarah Aronson. Illustrated by Robert Neubecker. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781481476683, \$17.99. (I) After an unfulfilling job mapping sewer pipes, Rube Goldberg followed his dreams to New York and became a cartoonist. His fantastical drawings of impractical machines solving life's smallest problems made him a celebrity. Includes More About Rube Goldberg, Sources. (JVP) 3, 8

LET 'ER BUCK!: GEORGE FLETCHER, THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION.

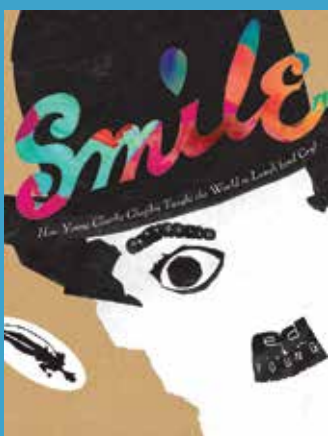
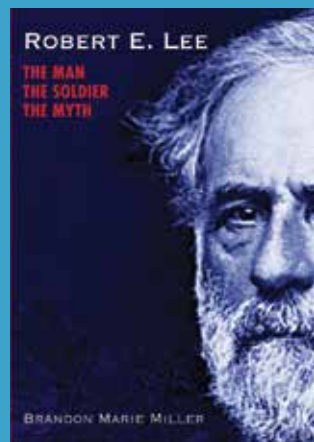
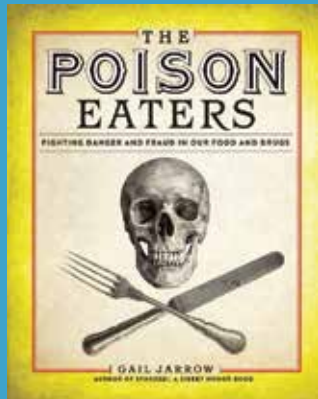
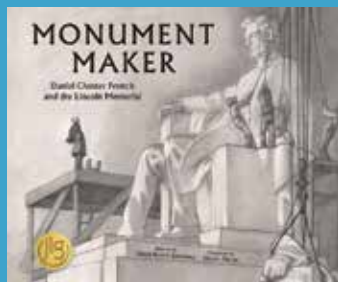
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. Illustrated by Gordon C. James. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781512498080, \$18.99. (I) At the 1911 Pendleton Round-Up, George Fletcher, a black cowboy, competed against a Nez Perce Indian and a white rancher. While the white rancher was unfairly declared the winner, Fletcher was declared the people's champion by the public. Includes Rodeo and Western Words, About the Research, Bibliography. (BMB) 2, 3, 6

LOOK UP WITH ME: NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON: A LIFE AMONG THE STARS. Jennifer Berne. Illustrated by Lorraine Nam. HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780062844941, \$17.99. (P) The journey of Neil deGrasse Tyson from childhood dreams to director of the Hayden Planetarium is shared through playful and engaging illustrations. Includes Introduction, How to Have More Neil deGrasse Tyson in Your Life, How to Have More Universe in Your Life, Author's Note, Glossary. (LW) 3, 4, 5, 8

MONUMENT MAKER: DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH AND THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL. Linda Booth Sweeney. Illustrated by Shawn Fields. Tilbury House Publishers. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9780884486435, \$19.95. (I) This selection chronicles the life of one of America's most prominent sculptors. The inspirational text and fabulous illustrations convey how historical events, persistence, and the support of others guided French's success. Includes The Creations of Daniel Chester French, The Lincoln Memorial, Dan the Maker, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Resources, Photos, Timeline. (ECG) 2, 4

O CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN: WALT WHITMAN, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, AND THE CIVIL WAR. Robert Burleigh. Illustrated by Sterling Hundley. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9781419733581, \$19.99. (I) This beautifully illustrated informational narrative explores how Walt Whitman, one of America's greatest poets, was affected by the daily tragedies of the Civil War and by the dignified leadership of Abraham Lincoln. Includes A Brief Overview of Walt Whitman, A Brief Overview of Abraham Lincoln, Some Important Dates in the Civil War, Two of Whitman's "Lincoln Poems," Author's Note, Artist's Note, Bibliography, Index. (KJ) 2, 4, 5

PAPER SON: THE INSPIRING STORY OF TYRUS WONG, IMMIGRANT AND ARTIST. Julie Leung. Illustrated by Chris Sasaki. Random House Children's Books



/ Schwartz & Wade Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781524771874, \$17.99. (P) Wong Geng Yeo was able to enter the United States during the Chinese Exclusion Act by becoming a "paper son," falsifying his relationship with a Chinese American citizen. Engaging illustrations capture his journey to becoming an artist as well as his work for the film *Bambi*. Includes Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Photographs. (ECG) 1, 10

THE POISON EATERS: FIGHTING DANGER AND FRAUD IN OUR FOOD AND DRUGS. Gail Jarrow. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9781629794389, \$18.99. (M) This fascinating look into Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley's decades-long fight for a food law illuminates the foundation of the FDA's work today and offers an excellent example of how political change can happen. Includes The Poison Squad Chemicals, More to Explore, Author's Note, Glossary, Timeline, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (WH) 5, 6, 8, 9

PRAIRIE BOY: FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TURNS THE HEARTLAND INTO A HOME. Barb Rosenstock. Illustrated by Christopher Silas Neal. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781629794402, \$17.99. (I) This illustrated biography describes Frank Lloyd Wright's life, from his prairie childhood to his adult life as a world-renowned architect. The engaging geometric illustrations provide context for a young audience's understanding of Wright's remarkable architectural influence. Includes Author's Note, Wright's Architectural Masterpieces Photos, Notes, Sources. (HHS) 3, 5, 8

ROBERT E. LEE: THE MAN, THE SOLDIER, THE MYTH. Brandon Marie Miller. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781629799100, \$19.95. (H) After experiencing a difficult childhood, Robert E. Lee focused on his military career. This book separates fact from fiction and describes Robert E. Lee as an individual, a soldier, a general, and a father. Includes Archival Images, Original Quotations, Partial Family Tree, Author's Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (BMB) 2, 4, 6

SMILE: HOW YOUNG CHARLIE CHAPLIN TAUGHT THE WORLD TO LAUGH (AND CRY). Gary Golio. Illustrated by Ed Young. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780763697617, \$17.99. (I) Illustrated in vibrant collage, this sentimental biography recounts the life of Charlie Chaplin, the "Little Tramp," from his underprivileged London childhood to his acclaim as a U.S. silent film star. Includes Afterword, Facts, Resources. (CLN) 4

SOLDIER FOR EQUALITY: JOSÉ DE LA LUZ SÁENZ AND THE GREAT WAR. Written and illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781419736827, \$18.99. (I) Despite being a World War I hero, José still faced discrimination because of his Mexican American heritage. His fight for equality is told through the distinctive, Mixtec-inspired illustrations in this biographical picture book. Includes Author's Note, Luz's Words, Glossary, Timelines, Bibliography, Index. **(KJ) 1, 6, 10**

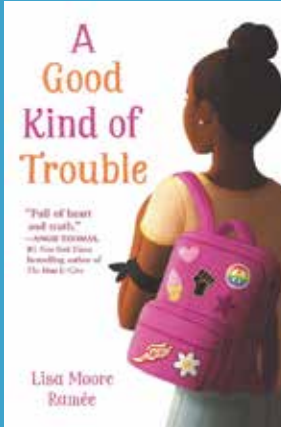
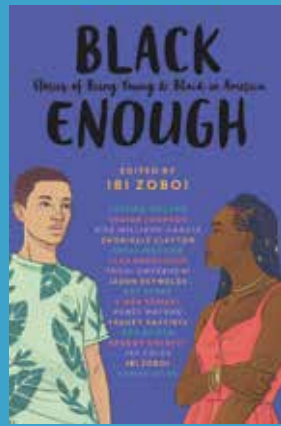
THURGOOD. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 9781524765330, \$17.99. (I) With beautiful illustrations, *Thurgood* takes readers on one man's journey from Baltimore, Maryland, to becoming the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court. Includes Author's Note. **(DTG) 3, 4**

CONTEMPORARY CONCERNS

BLACK ENOUGH: STORIES OF BEING YOUNG & BLACK IN AMERICA. Edited by Ibi Zoboi. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 416pp. Trade ISBN 9780062698728, \$17.99. (H) A compilation of short stories by 17 authors, this book shares valuable insight on being young and black in today's America. Includes Author Biographies. **(DTG) 4, 5, 6**

THE FAR AWAY BROTHERS: TWO TEENAGE IMMIGRANTS MAKING A LIFE IN AMERICA (Adapted for Young Adults). Lauren Markham. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781984829771, \$17.99. (H) A true story of undocumented Salvadoran twin brothers as they journey to America. While facing normal teen pressures, the brothers learn English, pay off smuggler debt, and must face immigration court. Includes Afterword, Author's Note, Notes, Index. **(CLN) 1, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10**

FAULT LINES IN THE CONSTITUTION: THE FRAMERS, THEIR FIGHTS, AND THE FLAWS THAT AFFECT US TODAY (Revised Edition). Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson. Illustrated by Adela Pons. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781682631065, \$22.95. (H) Highlighting 22 unique aspects of the U.S. Constitution, each chapter begins with a real-life story, a connection to the document, a "So what's the big problem" section, and "The Story Continues," all the while searching for possible solutions. Includes Articles and Amendments, Timeline of Events, Bibliography, Notes, Index. **(DTG) 2, 6, 10**



A GOOD KIND OF TROUBLE. Lisa Moore Ramée. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 368pp. Trade ISBN 9780062836687, \$16.99. (I, M) Her older sister participates in the Black Lives Matter movement, but 12-year-old Shayla is hesitant to speak up and alienate her friends. However, when the principal bans black armbands, Shayla decides to take a stand. **(JVP) 4, 6, 10**

HEROINE. Mindy McGinnis. HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books. 432pp. Trade ISBN 9780062847195, \$17.99. (H) This is a powerful exploration of the opioid crisis, the deadliest drug epidemic in American history, through the eyes of a college-bound softball star. A novel about addiction, family, friendship, and hope. Includes Author's Note, Resources. **(BMB) 1, 4**

JACOB'S ROOM TO CHOOSE. Sarah and Ian Hoffman. Illustrated by Chris Case. Magination Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781433830730, \$17.99. (P) Both Jacob and Sophie go to bathrooms and get chased out by children who misunderstand their gender nonconforming clothing choices. Their teacher and school administration lead students to understand forms of gender expression and the importance of treating people respectfully. Includes Author's Note. **(CLN) 4, 10**

MAYBE HE JUST LIKES YOU Barbara Dee. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781534432376, \$17.99. (M) For Mila, middle school is confusing, especially after she begins receiving unwanted hugs, comments, and attention from the boys' basketball team. A must-read middle school novel about an important topic for both boys and girls. **(KJ) 4**

ON THE COME UP. Angie Thomas. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 464pp. Trade ISBN 9780062498564, \$18.99. (H) Teen rapper Bri is trying to prevent her family from being evicted while struggling to develop her own identity within a system that portrays her as a hoodlum. A poignant look at racism and institutionalized violence. **(WH) 4, 5, 6**

THE OTHER SIDE: STORIES OF CENTRAL AMERICAN TEEN REFUGEES WHO DREAM OF CROSSING THE BORDER. Juan Pablo Villalobos. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 160pp. Trade ISBN 9780374305734, \$17.99. (H) Teenage refugees share their experience crossing the border, fleeing for freedom, and following their dreams. For many on the "other side," more challenges rise up as they look for a home. Includes About the Refugees, Future Reading, Glossary. **(BP) 3, 4, 5, 6, 9**

THE SAD LITTLE FACT. Jonah Winter. Illustrated by Pete Oswald. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780525581796, \$17.99. (I) This book is appropriate for a variety of ages to address contemporary topics of fake news and the role of modern journalism. It supports deep exploration of current events, as a fact (a cute, fuzzy, blue ball with big eyes) encounters "lies created by the Authorities." (HHS) 6, 10

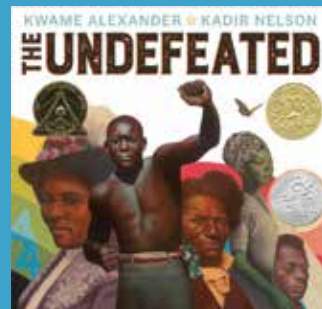
SHOUT. Laurie Halse Anderson. Penguin Young Readers / Viking BFYR. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780670012107, \$17.99. (H) In this powerful free-verse memoir, the author shares her own story of sexual assault, recovery, and the path that led her to become an influential advocate for anyone with a reason to say #MeToo. Includes Resources for Readers. (KJ) 4

A SKY WITHOUT LINES. Krystia Basil. Illustrated by Laura Borràs. minedition. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9789888341894, \$17.99. (P) A timely story that questions the lines humans draw to divide people. Arturo is separated from his brother and father by a border. But the sky has no lines, so Arturo dreams of flying united with his brother in the sky. (CLN) 1, 3, 6, 9, 10

SLAY. Brittany Morris. Simon & Schuster / Simon Pulse. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9781534445420, \$18.99. (H) All forms of Blackness reign supreme in SLAY, the Black gaming universe developed by 17-year-old Keira. After a player dies, SLAY players worldwide battle racism and fear to maintain the right to game-while-Black. (BP) 1, 4, 5, 8

THE UNDEFEATED. Kwame Alexander. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Versify. 40 pp. Trade ISBN 9781328780966, \$17.99. (P) Written as a poem, this outstanding book highlights the undefeated nature of the human spirit. The text and illustrations connect us with "the dreamers and doers" who came before us. Includes Afterword, Historical Figures and Events. (DTG) 1, 3

UNDER THE BROKEN SKY. Mariko Nagai. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR) / Christy Ottaviano Books. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9781250159212, \$16.99. (M) Twelve-year-old Natsu and her sister lived their entire childhoods in Manchuria; however, the closing days of World War II leave them orphaned, homeless, and destitute. This historical fiction novel personalizes a little known aspect of post-World War II refugees. Includes Afterword. (KJ) 1, 3



THE VOYAGE. Robert Vescio. Illustrated by Andrea Edmonds. Quarto Group / EK Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781925820034, \$17.99. (P) This captivating refugee story illustrates the arduous journey of a family seeking safety and a new home. Touching and topical, the almost-wordless format is especially useful for provoking young readers' beginning discussions of this deep, global issue. (HHS) 3, 5, 6, 9

WATCH US RISE. Renée Watson and Ellen Hagan. Bloomsbury YA. 368pp. Trade ISBN 9781547600083, \$18.99. (H) With narration from two viewpoints, Jasmine and Chelsea "resolve to shut down systems of oppression like a girl," while engaging in writing and activism related to gender, race, voice, privilege, body image, assault, and challenging authority. Includes Resources for Young Activists. (HHS) 4, 5, 6, 10

WE ARE HERE TO STAY: VOICES OF UNDOCUMENTED YOUNG ADULTS. Written and illustrated by Susan Kuklin. Candlewick Press. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9780763678845, \$19.99. (H) The stories of nine diverse young adults are intertwined in two parts: Coming to America and Twists & Turns. Since the repeal of DACA, it is no longer safe for these individuals to include their photographs—portrait pages are now blank and only first initials are used. Includes Historical List of United States Immigration Law and Executive Actions, To the Reader, Chapter Notes, Author's Note. (WH) 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10

ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY/ ECOLOGY

THE BOY WHO GREW A FOREST: THE TRUE STORY OF JADAV PAYENG. Sophia Gholz. Illustrated by Kayla Harren. Sleeping Bear Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781534110243, \$16.99. (P) After witnessing the deforestation of India's Brahmaputra River region, Jadav Payeng sets out to grow a forest. This informational book shows the power of a young boy's determination to make a positive impact. Includes Guide to Plant a Forest of Your Own, Note about Jadav "Molai" Payeng, Author's Note. (SES) 3, 7, 9

FIGHTING FOR THE FOREST: HOW FDR'S CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS HELPED SAVE AMERICA. P. O'Connell Pearson. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781534429321, \$17.99. (M) This informational history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) combines personal stories with information and details about FDR's favorite New Deal project,

which helped rescue America from the Great Depression. Includes Photographs, Timeline, Bibliography, Index. (KJ) 3, 8

THE WORLD ON EITHER SIDE. Diane Terrana. Orca Book Publishers. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781459822177, \$14.95. (H) On a trek through Thailand, Valentine attempts to save a baby elephant from poachers and help an elephant keeper heal from his past involvement in the Burmese civil war. Includes Author's Note. (JVP) 5, 7, 9

YOU ARE HOME: AN ODE TO THE NATIONAL PARKS. Written and illustrated by Evan Turk. Simon and Schuster / Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781534432826, \$18.99. (P) Poetic language and beautiful artwork bring National Parks to life for children of all ages. A story of how animals, plants, and people from coast to coast personalize these landscapes, becoming the spaces we call "home." Includes National Parks of the U.S. Map, More About the Parks and Animals in this Book, Author's Note. (CLN) 3, 10

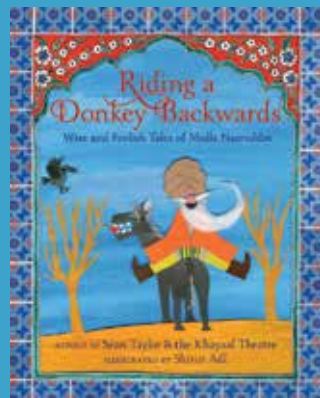
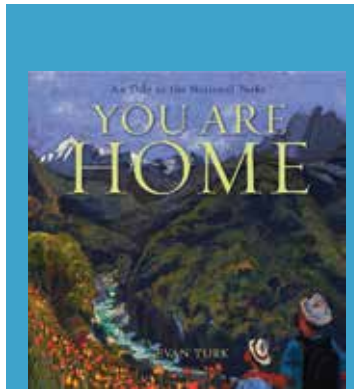
FOLKTALES

RIDING A DONKEY BACKWARDS: WISE AND FOOLISH TALES OF MULLA NASRUDDIN Retold by Sean Taylor and the Khayaal Theatre Company. Illustrated by Shirin Adl. Candlewick Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781536205077, \$18.99. (P) Mulla Nasruddin, an ancient Muslim folktale character, is a paradox; in one tale he espouses wisdom, in another he is the village fool. In any case, the short tales will make you laugh and think. Includes Glossary. (ECG) 1

GEOGRAPHY/PEOPLES/PLACES

ALLIES. Alan Gratz. Scholastic Press. 336 pp. Trade ISBN 9781338245721, \$17.99. (M) A thrilling multi-perspective novel centered around D-Day. This fictionalized but historically accurate account includes a young Algerian woman, a white Canadian, a Cree First Nations lance corporal from Quebec, a black American medic, a Frenchwoman, and British soldiers. Includes Author's Note, Maps. (BMB) 2, 3, 5, 9

AT THE MOUNTAIN'S BASE. Traci Sorell. Illustrated by Weshoyot Alvitre. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780735230606, \$17.99. (P) A Cherokee family is connected through weaving, place, history, and singing. The connection is shown by yarn that reaches their loved one, a pilot, as she flies into war. Beautiful illustrations add depth to the story.



Includes Author's Note. (WH) 1, 2, 3

BACK TO SCHOOL: A GLOBAL JOURNEY. Maya Ajmera and John D. Ivanko. Charlesbridge. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781580898409, \$17.99. (P) Filled with vivid photographs and descriptions, this informational picture book highlights daily school life in 38 countries on six continents. It is an insightful book that emphasizes the similarities shared by school children worldwide. Includes Map of Where You Learn, How You Learn, Who Teaches You?, Being a Good Student, Friendship and Fun, Photographs. (KJ) 1, 3, 10

BILAL COOKS DAAL. Aisha Saeed. Illustrated by Anoosha Syed. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers/ Salaam Reads. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781534418103, \$17.99. (P) Filled with spices and patience, Bilal anxiously awaits the time when he can share his family's tradition of cooking Daal with his friends. This book celebrates diversity and acceptance among friends with different backgrounds. Includes Author's Note, Chana Daal Recipe. (CH) 1, 4

BIRDSONG. Written and illustrated by Julie Flett. Greystone Kids. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781771644730, \$17.95. (P) This #OwnVoices text presents a "poem for the heart," celebrating family beyond bloodlines. Strangers at first, an unlikely duo shares memories, artistry, tradition, love, and ultimately loss in this Cree story of life. Includes Glossary. (BP) 1, 2, 3

CHILD OF ST KILDA. Written and illustrated by Beth Waters. Child's Play. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9781786281883, \$19.99. (I) St Kilda is the story of the last community on a remote archipelago off the west coast of Scotland, whose inhabitants were forced to evacuate in 1930 when the island was deemed uninhabitable. Excellent study of a unique subsistence community. Includes Note About Norman John, St Kilda Sketchbook, Visiting St Kilda, Maps. (BMB) 2, 3, 6, 9

A GREEN PLACE TO BE: THE CREATION OF CENTRAL PARK. Written and illustrated by Ashley Benham Yazdani. Candlewick Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780763696955, \$17.99. (P) A charmingly artistic story of how architects Vaux and Olmsted created the award-winning design for New York City's Central Park. Contains multicultural references and highlights the work of gardeners, masons, and sculptors who transformed the cityscape. Includes Architect Biographies, Did You Find It? Section, Author's Note, Bibliography. (CLN) 1, 2, 3, 8

HOME IS A WINDOW. Stephanie Parsley Ledyard. Illustrated by Chris Sasaki. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780823441563, \$18.99. (P) This look at the characteristics that make a home a home shows that they can even apply to a new house. Poetic language and softly drawn illustrations of the multi-racial family add warmth to the story. (WH) 3, 9

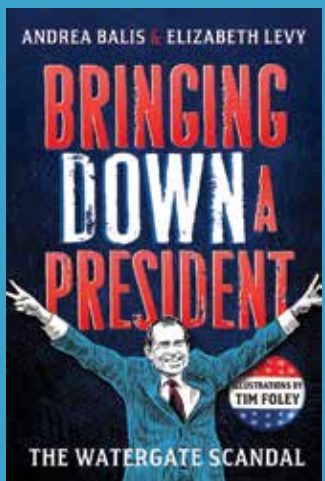
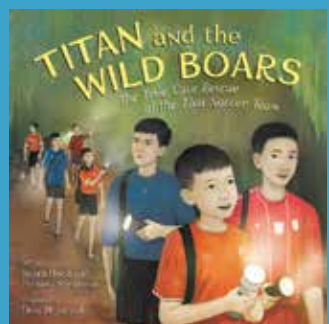
LOVE FROM A TO Z. S. K. Ali. Simon and Schuster Books For Young Readers / Salaam Reads. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9781534442726, \$18.99. (H) U.S. Muslim teens meet in Qatar and write about the marvels and oddities in their lives. Their humorous journals set the tone for this sensitive novel about fighting Islamophobia, grief, Muslim conversion, Multiple Sclerosis, and young love and friendship. Includes Author's Note. (CLN) 1, 4, 9

NYA'S LONG WALK. Linda Sue Park. Illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Clarion Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781328781338, \$17.99. (P) Blistering under the Sudan sun, Nya keeps a careful eye on her beloved younger sister as they fetch water. This story shares the tender relationship between sisters in a family that has to work for the most basic of needs. (CH) 1, 3

THE PHONE BOOTH IN MR. HIROTA'S GARDEN. Heather Smith. Illustrated by Rachel Wada. Orca Book Publishers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781459821033, \$19.95. (P) Shattered by grief after a tsunami, Makio struggles to put his world back together when, one day, Mr. Hirota builds a phone booth as a way to reach out to lost loved ones. Includes Author's Note. (CH) 3

STAND ON THE SKY. Erin Bow. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9781328557469, \$16.99. (M) Aisulu belongs to Western Mongolia's ethnic minority Muslim Kazakhs, where only men can become eagle hunters. She decides to go against tradition to train a young eagle and win a competition to help her brother. Includes The Meaning Behind the Names, Note to the Reader, Glossary. (BMB) 1, 3, 4

TITAN AND THE WILD BOARS: THE TRUE CAVE RESCUE OF THE THAI SOCCER TEAM. Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran. Illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. HarperCollins. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780062907721, \$17.99. (P) The story of young boys trapped in flooded caves and rescued by cave divers. The book features Buddhist quotes and stories of what was happening inside and outside



the caves during those 18 days. Includes More About the Cave Rescue, Historical Facts and Stories, Photographs, Timeline, Interview, Tribute, Map, Sources. (JVP) 3, 8, 9

WHAT IS A REFUGEE? Elise Gravel. Random House Children's Books / Schwartz & Wade. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780593120057, \$17.99. (P) Told in simple, easy to understand language, this story humanizes the refugee experience for young readers, sharing their reasons for fleeing home countries and their experiences along the way. Includes Refugee Kids Speak, Some Famous Refugees. (SES) 3, 9, 10

HISTORY/LIFE & CULTURE IN THE AMERICAS

ACCUSED!: THE TRIALS OF THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS: LIES, PREJUDICE, AND THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT. Larry Dane Brimmer. Boyds Mills & Kane / Calkins Creek. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9781629797755, \$18.99. (H) A gripping account of the famous case against nine African American teenagers falsely accused of rape in 1931. Primary source images and sidebar information provide additional depth. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography, Source Notes, Index. (WH) 5, 6, 10

ANTHEM (THE SIXTIES TRILOGY #3). Deborah Wiles. Scholastic Press. 480pp. Trade ISBN 9780545106092, \$19.99. (M) With her cousin Norman, Molly heads across the country to find her brother Barry and deliver his draft notice. Primary source photographs, quotes, maps, and songs from the 1960s are interspersed throughout the novel. Includes A Note About Anthem and 1969, Timeline Notes, Photographs, Bibliography. (JVP) 1, 4, 6

BETWEEN US AND ABUELA: A FAMILY STORY FROM THE BORDER. Mitali Perkins. Illustrated by Sara Palacios. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780374303730, \$17.99. (I) No border fence can keep the love of a family apart, particularly around Las Posadas. Mama and Abuela sing, homemade gifts are sent miraculously, and a family creates cherished memories. Includes Author's Note. (CH) 5


BRINGING DOWN A PRESIDENT: THE WATERGATE SCANDAL. Andrea Balis and Elizabeth Levy. Illustrated by Tim Foley. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781250176790, \$19.99. (M) An efficient and insightful telling of the demise of Nixon's presidency.

The easy-to-follow page-turner offers direct quotes from various players in the Watergate scandal and includes “Fly on the Wall” commentary throughout. Includes Epilogue, Where Are They Now, Timeline, Bibliography, Source Notes. (ECG) 6, 10

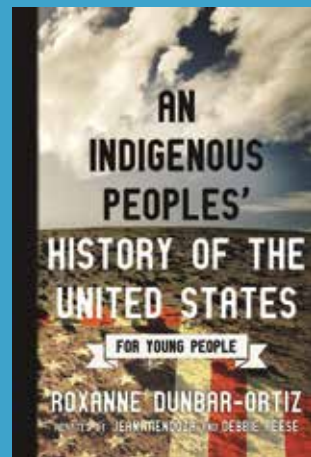
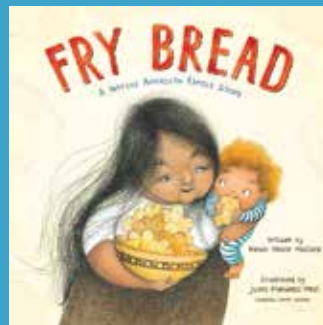
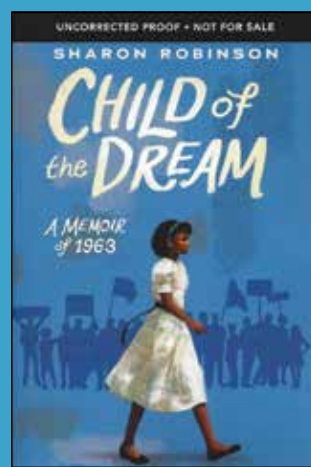
CHILD OF A DREAM (A MEMOIR OF 1963). Sharon Robinson. Scholastic Press. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781338282801, \$16.99. (M) Sharon Robinson chronicles her coming-of-age experience as the only daughter of baseball legend Jackie Robinson. This memoir offers a look at seminal moments in the civil rights era, from the perspective of a developing activist. Includes Author’s Note, Photographs. (BP) 2, 3, 4

THE DOWNSTAIRS GIRL. Stacey Lee. Penguin Young Readers / G. P. Putnam’s Sons BFYR. 384pp. Trade ISBN 9781524740955, \$17.99. (H) Jo Kuan carefully navigates post-Reconstruction Atlanta as a woman of Chinese descent. She writes a popular advice column under a pseudonym, but must deal with backlash from challenging ideas of gender and race. Includes Author’s Note. (WH) 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10

DREAMS FROM MANY RIVERS: A HISPANIC HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TOLD IN POEMS. Margarita Engle. Illustrated by Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781627795319, \$18.99. (M) These short, accessible poems are written from the perspective of historical and fictional characters. They reveal a glance into a rich history, and are identified by location and year, spanning centuries and large geographical swaths of North America. Includes Historical Note. (WH) 1, 2, 3, 9

 **FRY BREAD: A NATIVE AMERICAN FAMILY STORY.** Kevin Noble Maillard. Illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Roaring Brook Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781626727465, \$18.99. (P) Fry bread is celebrated through all five senses in this joyful book. Illustrations reflect the diversity of Native American country life, and the text incorporates history, geography, and culture. The extensive author’s note provides deeper insight into the illustrations and text. Includes Kevin’s Fry Bread Recipe, Tribal Nations, Author’s Note, Reference. (WH) 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9


AN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese. Beacon Press. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9780807049396,



\$18.95. (M) Indigenous peoples’ narrative of U.S. history encompasses the genocidal U.S. policies and imperialism that shaped our national identity. This book prompts readers to think deeply about their personal place in history. Informational text can be used as reference. Includes A Note to Readers, For Further Reading, Reading Recommendations, Notes, Index. (CLN) 2, 3, 6

INSTRUCTIONS NOT INCLUDED: HOW A TEAM OF WOMEN CODED THE FUTURE. Tami Lewis Brown and Debbie Loren Dunn. Illustrated by Chelsea Beck. Disney Book Group / Disney Hyperion. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9781368011051, \$17.99. (P) See how three women worked to code the ENIAC computer during World War II when all hands in America were called to help. Author’s Note shares the tale of this incredible machine. Includes Photographs, Other Resources. (CH) 5, 8

MEET MISS FANCY. Irene Latham. Illustrated by John Holyfield. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam’s Sons BFYR. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780399546686, \$17.99. (P) Based on the real-life story of retired circus elephant Miss Fancy, this book describes the persistence of one young boy to overcome racism and injustice during the Jim Crow era. Includes Author’s Note. (SES) 5, 6, 10

 **NEVER CAUGHT, THE STORY OF ONA JUDGE: GEORGE AND MARTHA WASHINGTON’S COURAGEOUS SLAVE WHO DARED TO RUN AWAY;** Young Readers Edition. Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathleen Van Cleve. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781534416178, \$18.99. (M) Ona Judge was pursued relentlessly after escaping enslavement in George and Martha Washington’s house to live freely in New Hampshire. Includes Ona Judge’s Interview with the *Granite Freeman* and Transcript, Author’s Note, Timeline, Bibliography, Map. (SES) 2, 5, 6

A PLACE TO LAND: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND THE SPEECH THAT INSPIRED A NATION. Barry Wittenstein. Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780823443314, \$18.99. (I) In this beautifully illustrated text, Martin Luther King Jr. and his advisors meet the evening before the March on Washington and King’s historic “I Have a Dream” speech. Includes The Willard Hotel Advisors, Who Spoke at the March on Washington, Other Voices, Author’s Note, Artist’s Note, Bibliography, Sources. (SES) 2, 6, 10

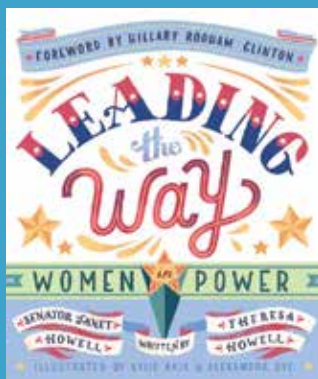
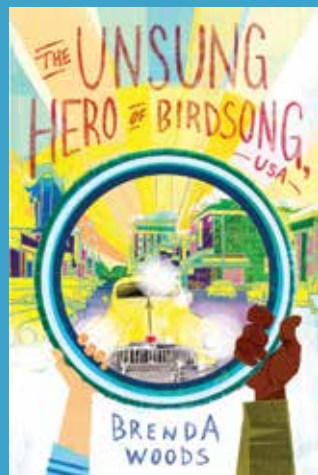
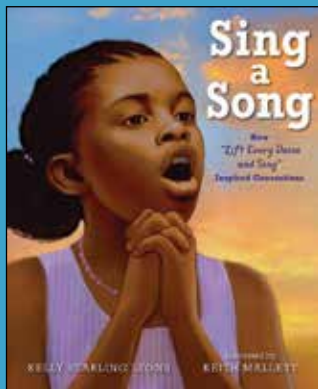
SING A SONG: HOW “LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING” INSPIRED GENERATIONS. Kelly Starling Lyons. Illustrated by Keith Mallett. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780525516095, \$17.99. (P) This book provides insight into the origin of the inspirational song “Lift Every Voice and Sing” and describes its significance to multiple generations of black families. Includes Author’s Note, Song Lyrics. (HHS) 1, 2, 3, 5

STONEWALL: A BUILDING. AN UPRISING. A REVOLUTION. Rob Sanders. Illustrated by Jamey Christoph. Random House Children’s Books / Random House BFYR. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781524719524, \$17.99. (P) This informational book chronicles the history of the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village before and after the Stonewall Riots of 1969, offering a glimpse into the experiences of members of the LGBTQ+ community. Includes The History of the Stonewall Inn, Interview with LGBTQ+ Activist Martin Boyce, For Further Reading, Photographs, Glossary. (SES) 2, 5, 10

THIS PROMISE OF CHANGE: ONE GIRL’S STORY IN THE FIGHT FOR SCHOOL EQUALITY. Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy. Bloomsbury Children’s Books. 320pp. Trade ISBN 9781681198521, \$17.99. (M). Recounted through a series of short poems, this book provides a glimpse into 14-year-old Jo Ann Allen’s experience of desegregating Tennessee’s Clinton High School in 1956. Includes Writing this Book, Scrapbook with Photographs, Timeline of School Desegregation and Civil Rights Landmarks, Further Reading, Bibliography, Sources. (SES) 4, 6, 10

THE UNSUNG HERO OF BIRDSONG, USA. Brenda Woods. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781524737092, \$16.99. (M) Meriwether (a World War II veteran of the African American 761st Battalion) saves the life of young Gabriel, a white boy in the South, in 1946. Gabriel’s eyes are opened to the racism in his town after a friendship develops between the two. Includes Afterword, Bibliography. (LW) 2, 3, 4, 5

WARHEAD: THE TRUE STORY OF ONE TEEN WHO ALMOST SAVED THE WORLD. Jeff Henigson. Random House Children’s Books / Delacorte BFYR. 352pp. Trade ISBN 9780525647904, \$17.99. (H) Diagnosed with brain cancer near the end of the Cold War, 15-year-old Jeff uses his Starlight Children’s Foundation wish to travel to Moscow and discuss nuclear



disarmament. A memoir about cancer, family, and atomic bombs. Includes Afterword, A Letter, Understanding the Cold War. (JVP) 6, 8, 10

YES SHE CAN: 10 STORIES OF HOPE & CHANGE FROM YOUNG FEMALE STAFFERS OF THE OBAMA WHITE HOUSE. Compiled by Molly Dillion. Random House Children’s Books / Schwartz & Wade. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781984848451, \$18.99. (H). The book offers a rare opportunity to hear the behind-the-scene stories of young female White House staffers. These engaging tales are told through humor, heartbreak, humility, and a great deal of heart. Includes Foreword by Yara Shahidi, A Girl’s Guide to Getting into Government. (LW) 3, 4, 5, 6

REFERENCE

GROUNDBREAKING GUYS: 40 MEN WHO BECAME GREAT BY DOING GOOD. Stephanie True Peters. Illustrated by Shamel Washington. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 96pp. Trade ISBN 9780316529419, \$16.99. (I) This book highlights 40 diverse men who changed the rules using their individual gifts. These men found ways to be compassionate and use their strengths to make the world better. Includes Source Notes. (LW) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

LEADING THE WAY: WOMEN IN POWER. Janet Howell and Theresa Howell. Illustrated by Kylie Akia and Alexandra Bye. Candlewick Press. 144pp. Trade ISBN 9781536208467, \$24.99. (M) The lives of 50 powerful women are shared through stories of integrity, resourcefulness, diligence, courage, persistence, empathy, communication, and connection. Includes Foreword by Hillary Rodham Clinton, A Guide to the Power Symbols, A Take Action Guide, More Leaders to Discover, Source Notes, Index. (LW) 3, 4, 5, 6, 10

WHO DID IT FIRST?: 50 SCIENTISTS, ARTISTS, AND MATHEMATICIANS WHO REVOLUTIONIZED THE WORLD. Julie Leung. Illustrated by Caitlin Kuhwald. Macmillan Children’s Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 128pp. Trade ISBN 9781250211712, \$18.99. (I). What does it take to be unafraid of the unknown? These 50 individuals broke barriers, made new discoveries, and persevered on paths never taken before. Includes Introduction, Who Did It First? Across Time, Illustrator’s Note, Further Exploration. (LW) 3, 4, 5, 8

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS/ RELATIONSHIPS

ANOTHER. Written and illustrated by Christian Robinson. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books For Young Readers. 56pp. Trade ISBN 9781534421677, \$17.99. (I) A young girl and her cat enter a portal to another world, where they begin to see from another perspective. A wordless picture book for readers to write their own story. **(SES) 1, 4, 10**

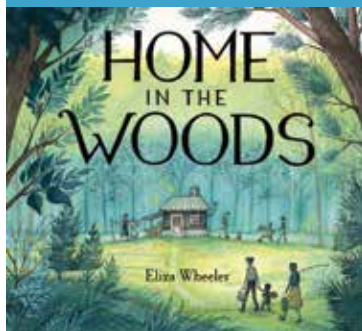
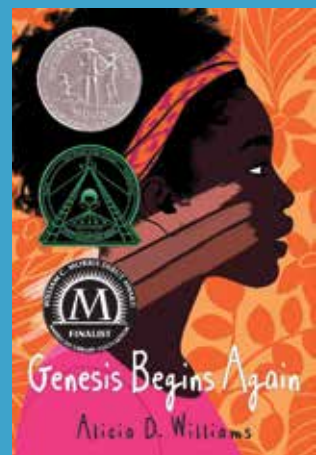
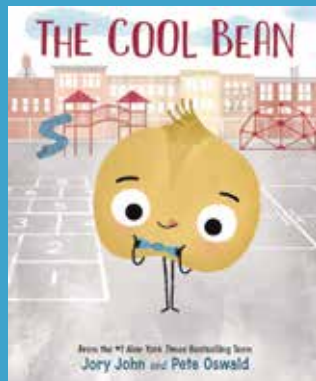
BECOMING BEATRIZ. Tami Charles. Charlesbridge Teen. 272pp. Trade ISBN 9781580897785, \$17.99. (H) A coming of age story about a 15-year-old girl seeking her own path amid the gang violence of 1980s New York City. Includes Author's Note, About Gangs and the Drug Epidemic of the 1980s, About ACT-SO, About Debbie Allen. **(SES) 1, 4, 5**

CLOTHESLINE CLUES TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook. Illustrated by Andy Robert Davies. Charlesbridge. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781580898249, \$14.99. (P) "It's the first day of school! Who wants to meet you?" Suspended on a clothesline, clues help students identify, through rhyme and illustration, the array of people who work and learn at school. **(CLN) 5**

THE COOL BEAN. Jory John. Illustrated by Pete Oswald. HarperCollins / Harper. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780062954527, \$18.99. (P) What does it take to be the coolest bean in school? Through wit, humor, and hilarious illustrations, this picture book insightfully teaches that kindness is the coolest trait of all. **(KJ) 4, 5**

GENESIS BEGINS AGAIN. Alicia D. Williams. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum BFYR / Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 384pp. Trade ISBN 9781481465809, \$17.99. (M) Genesis keeps a list of 96 reasons she dislikes herself. She wants to fix herself and her family, and she believes having lighter skin would help. An important look at colorism and learning to love oneself. **(WH) 1, 4, 5**

GOING DOWN HOME WITH DADDY. Kelly Starling Lyons. Illustrated by Daniel Minter. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781561459384, \$17.99. (I) Reunion morning brings together a collection of generations. Family stories and traditions offer much to celebrate, despite past hardships. With this, Lil Alan finds his own way to share his feelings of joy. **(CH) 1, 2, 4**



HER OWN TWO FEET: A RWANDAN GIRL'S BRAVE FIGHT TO WALK. Meredith Davis and Rebeka Uwitonze. Scholastic Focus. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781338356373, \$17.99. (M) Unable to walk on her malformed feet, young Rebeka from Rwanda makes the daring choice to go to the United States, where a doctor believes he can help her walk on her own. Includes A Note from Rebeka, A Note from Meredith, About Africa New Life Ministries, Photographs, Glossary. **(CH) 5, 9**

HOME IN THE WOODS. Written and illustrated by Eliza Wheeler. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780399162909, \$17.99. (P) A family must start over in a new place. With the passage of time, the changing seasons, and love, they begin to feel at home. The poignant message shared in this book is that love makes a house a home. Includes Author's Note, Map. **(LW) 1, 2, 3, 4**

LITTLE LIBRARIES, BIG HEROES. Miranda Paul. Illustrated by John Parra. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / Clarion Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780544800274, \$17.99 (P). Little Free Libraries are in 88 countries around the world. This book celebrates the story of Todd (once a reluctant reader) and other heroes whose big ideas bring the joy of reading to all. Includes Author's Note, More About Little Free Libraries, More About the People and Events in this Book, To Learn More. **(BP) 3, 4**

LOVE AND THE ROCKING CHAIR. Leo and Diane Dillon. Scholastic / The Blue Sky Press. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781338332650, \$18.99. (P) In this story, based on the authors' own rocking chair, a chair is used to show the love of family for an infant, and the continuity of the love as the family grows and changes over time. Includes Storytellers' Note. **(WH) 2, 5**

MARY WEARS WHAT SHE WANTS. Written and illustrated by Keith Negley. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780062846792, \$17.99. (P) "Once upon a time (but not too long ago), girls weren't allowed to wear pants. Can you imagine?" This story, inspired by Civil War physician and feminist Mary Edwards Walker, challenges gender and societal norms. Includes Author's Note. **(CLN) 2, 4, 5**

MOMMY SAYANG. Written and illustrated by Rosana Sullivan. Disney Book Group / Disney Press. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781368015905, \$16.99. (P) Set in a small Malaysian village, this picture book explores how the relationship between a young girl and her mother changes and grows in the face of severe illness. Includes Author's Note. **(KJ) 1, 4**


MY FATE ACCORDING TO THE BUTTERFLY. Gail D. Villanueva. Scholastic Press. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9781338310504, \$17.99. (I) Sab, a young girl in the Philippines, must overcome fear and superstition to discover the truth about her absentee father. This coming-of-age novel explores themes of addiction, family, reconciliation, and recovery. Includes Author's Note. (KJ) 1, 4

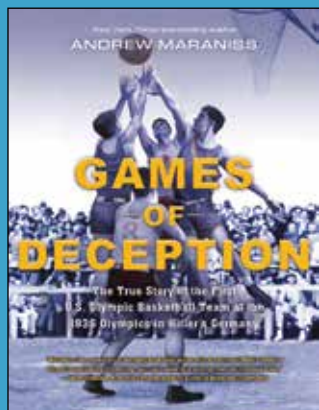
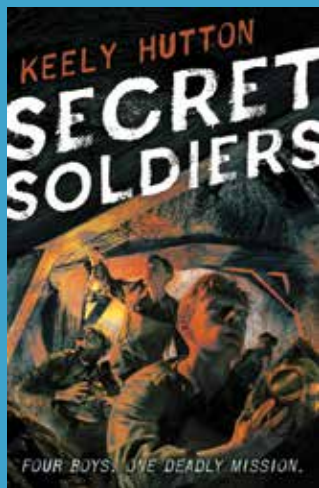
PRIDE COLORS. Robin Stevenson. Orca Book Publishers. 28pp. Trade ISBN 9781459820708, \$10.95. (P) This board book presents affirming pictures of babies and toddlers and their families. Each color in the Pride flag is represented by a page from the child's view and a page from the family's perspective. Includes Pride Day and the Rainbow Flag Notes. (WH) 4, 5

RAISE YOUR HAND. Alice Paul Tapper. Illustrated by Marta Kissi. Penguin Young Readers / Penguin Workshop. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781524791209, \$17.99. (P) Written by a sixth grade Girl Scout, and based on her experiences, this is a book that will encourage girls to move out of their comfort zones, take chances, and, most importantly, raise their hands. (SES) 4, 6, 10

SECRET SOLDIERS. Keely Hutton. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 320pp. Trade ISBN 9780374309039, \$16.99. (M) Many underage British boys fought on the Allied front lines of the Great War. This novel tells about those whose job it was to dig tunnels under the trenches, and plant explosives to blow up the German lines. Includes Author's Note. (BMB) 2, 4, 9

SULWE. Lupita Nyong'o. Illustrated by Vashti Harrison. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781534425361, \$17.99. (P) This is a story about colorism, self-esteem, and understanding that beauty comes from within. Sulwe has skin as dark as midnight and wants to be beautiful and bright. A dream-like journey enlightens her to realize that her dark complexion is beautiful. Includes Author's Note. (CLN) 1, 4

 **THIS TIME WILL BE DIFFERENT.** Misa Sugiura. HarperCollins / HarperTeen. 400pp. Trade ISBN 9780062473448, \$17.99. (H) When her mom threatens to sell the family store, CJ begins a public campaign, highlighting how properties (including her school and family flower shop) were swindled from families during the internment of Japanese Americans. Includes A Note from the Author, Index of Flowers and their Meanings. (JVP) 2, 6, 10




TWO BROTHERS, FOUR HANDS: THE ARTISTS ALBERTO AND DIEGO GIACOMETTI. Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan. Illustrated by Hadley Hooper. Holiday House / Neal Porter Books. 64pp. Trade ISBN 9780823441709, \$21.99. (I) This book describes the encouragement and help Diego gave his brother Alberto. It is a story of the brothers' bond, and the art and sculptures that made Alberto famous. Includes Looking at Alberto Giacometti's Walking Man, Timeline, Bibliography, Photographs, Notes. (BMB) 1, 4, 7

WORLD HISTORY & CULTURE

AKISSI: MORE TALES OF MISCHIEF. Marguerite Abouet. Illustrated by Mathieu Sapin. Nobrow / Flying Eye Books. 176pp. Trade ISBN 9781912497171, \$14.95. (I) Inspired by the author's happy memories of her native Ivory Coast, this graphic novel depicts Akissi as she pranks her teacher, swindles coins from her father, and battles jealousy and malaria. Includes Learn How to Draw Akissi's Head, Magic Potion Recipe. (JVP) 1, 3, 9

AMONG THE FALLEN. Virginia Frances Schwartz. Holiday House. 304pp. Trade ISBN 9780823441020, \$16.99. (H) A fictional look at Charles Dickens's Urania Cottage for Fallen Women in London and the women from Tothill Prison invited to live there. Includes Author's Note, A Glossary of Victorian Slang, Sources. (WH) 2, 4, 5, 6, 10

 **FREEDOM SOUP.** Tami Charles. Illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara. Candlewick Press. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9780763689773, \$16.99. (P) While making Freedom Soup with Ti Gran, Belle learns the oral history of Haiti and the Haitian Revolution. Masterful illustrations and compelling text showcase the history of the Haitian people. Includes Freedom Soup Recipe, Author's Note. (HHS) 1, 4, 6, 9

GAMES OF DECEPTION: THE TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST U.S. OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM AT THE 1936 OLYMPICS IN HITLER'S GERMANY. Andrew Maraniss. Penguin Young Readers / Philomel Books. 240pp. Trade ISBN 9780525514633, \$18.99. (M) Unlikely American basketball heroes take the gold in Nazi-occupied Germany. Basketball's development and rise to prominence follow that of Nazi occupation. The intersections of pride and fear are highlighted in this riveting nonfiction text. Includes All-Time Olympic Basketball Results, 1936 Team USA Roster, 1936 Berlin Olympics: Day-By-Day, Photographs, Bibliography, Index. (BP) 2, 5, 6, 9

GIRL UNDER A RED MOON: GROWING UP DURING CHINA'S CULTURAL REVOLUTION. Da Chen. Scholastic Focus. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781338263862, \$17.99. (M) Model student one moment, forced to flee the next, 13-year-old Sisi gets caught up in China's Cultural Revolution. She survives in the upside-down world where good was bad, and bad was glorious. Includes Photographs, Information about China's Cultural Revolution. (JVP) 1, 3, 6

THE GOOD SON: A STORY FROM THE FIRST WORLD WAR, TOLD IN MINIATURE. Pierre-Jacques Ober. Illustrated by Jules Ober and Felicity Coonan. Candlewick Studio. 104pp. Trade ISBN 9781536204827, \$22.00. (M) Told through the eyes of Pierre, a French soldier who wanted to see his mother at Christmas, this story highlights the tragedies of World War I through miniature images. Includes Author's Note. (DTG) 2, 4, 6

ORANGE FOR THE SUNSETS. Tina Athaide. HarperCollins / Katherine Tegen Books. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9780062795298, \$16.99. (I, M) Set during the 1972 expulsion of Indians from Uganda by Idi Amin, this historical novel explores the relationship between two friends: one forced to leave and the other made to stay, hoping for a better Uganda. Includes 90 Days in History, Author's Note, Photographs, Bibliography, Additional Resources. (KJ) 1, 6, 9

OUR CASTLE BY THE SEA. Lucy Strange. Scholastic / Chicken House. 336pp. Trade ISBN 9781338353853, \$17.99. (M) A fictionalized account of a family of mixed British and German heritage during World War II. The book follows the story of an 11-year-old girl whose curiosity and dedication helps save her family and fight the Nazis. Includes Historical Note. (SES) 4, 6, 9

PLAYLIST: THE REBELS AND REVOLUTIONARIES OF SOUND. James Rhodes. Illustrated by Martin O'Neill. Candlewick Studio. 72pp. Trade ISBN 9781536212143, \$29.99. (M) Amazing imagery highlights seven famous composers alongside a short biography and two of their musical works. A playlist is provided as each piece is described. Includes The Language of Music, Index. (DTG) 1, 3

SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST: TRUE STORIES OF SIX EXTRAORDINARY CHILDREN. Edited by Kath Shackleton. Illustrated by Zane Whittingham. Sourcebooks eXplore. 96pp. Trade ISBN 9781492688921, \$19.99. (M) A graphic novel about the Nuremberg Laws, internment in Canada, hiding from Nazis, and life in



Auschwitz from the perspectives of Jewish children. Includes What Happened Next?, Photographs, Glossary, Timeline, Index, Websites. (JVP) 4, 6

THE WEIGHT OF OUR SKY. Hanna Alkaf. Simon & Schuster Books For Young Readers / Salaam Reads. 288pp. Trade ISBN 9781534426085, \$18.99. (H) In this account of 1969 racial riots in Kuala Lumpur, Melati, a girl from Malaysia, tries to find her mother. An important glimpse at regional history, human kindness, and the choices people make. Includes Author's Note. (WH) 1, 3, 5, 10

WHITE ROSE. Kip Wilson. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt/ Versify. 368pp. Trade ISBN 9781328594433, \$17.99. (H) Sophie, her brother, and friends spread treasonous leaflets criticizing Nazism. The novel-in-verse flips between the buildup to the leaflet distribution and the questioning, trial, and execution that followed. Based on a true story. Includes Author's Note, Dramatis Personae, Glossary, Sources. (JVP) 5, 6, 10

WOMEN'S HISTORY

I AM A FEMINIST: CLAIMING THE F-WORD IN TURBULENT TIMES. Monique Polak. Illustrated by Meags Fitzgerald. Orca Book Publishers. 176 pp. Trade ISBN 9781459818927, \$19.95. (H) This call to action challenges readers to be more aware of issues affecting those around them and to work for gender equity. Includes A Final Word from the Author, Staying Up to Date: Resources, Glossary, References, Index. (DTG) 4, 5, 6

SOARING EARTH: A COMPANION MEMOIR TO ENCHANTED AIR. Margarita Engle. Simon & Schuster / Atheneum Books For Young Readers. 192pp. Trade ISBN 9781534429536, \$18.99. (H) This easy-to-read, verse-written story takes the reader on the journey of a Cuban girl trying to find her identity in the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Includes Author's Note. (DTG) 3, 4

AWAY WITH WORDS: THE DARING STORY OF ISABELLA BIRD. Lori Mortensen. Illustrated by Kristy Caldwell. Peachtree Publishing Company Inc. 36pp. Trade ISBN 9781682630051, \$17.95. (I) There only seemed to be one cure for the sickly and depressed Isabella: traveling. Excerpts of Isabella Bird's own writings describe her travels in the American West, the Persian mountains, and beyond, in this biography about the nineteenth-century English traveler. Includes A Timeline of Isabella Bird's Travels and Publications, Author's Note, Bibliography. (JVP) 3, 4, 5

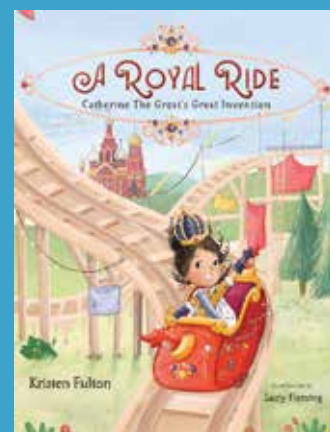
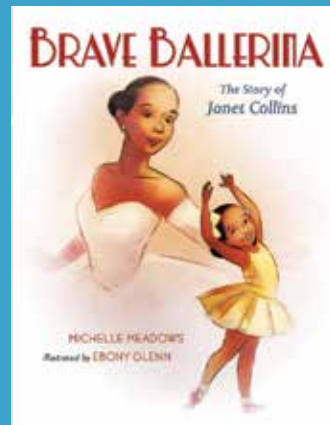
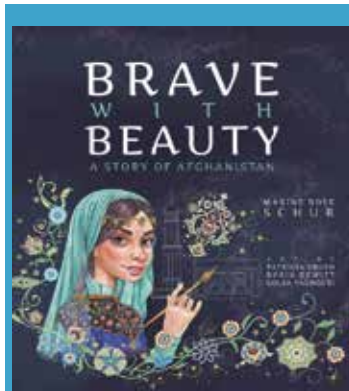
THE BLUEST OF THE BLUES: ANNA ATKINS AND THE FIRST BOOK OF PHOTOGRAPHS. Written and illustrated by Fiona Robinson. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781419725517, \$17.99. (I) A beautifully illustrated informational biography of British botanist Anna Atkins who used photographic paper that turns blue in the sun to publish the first book of photographs in 1843. The book featured her dried seaweed collection. Includes How to Make Your Own Cyanotypes, Institutions Holding Atkins Cyanotypes, Author's Note, Bibliography, Medium Note. (CLN) 2, 3, 4, 8

BRAVE WITH BEAUTY: A STORY OF AFGHANISTAN. Maxine Rose Schur. Illustrated by Patricia Grush, Robin Dewitt, and Golsa Yaghoobi. Yali Books. 46pp. Trade ISBN 9781949528978, \$19.99. (I) The story of Queen Goharshad, an inspirational fifteenth-century Afghan monarch, who ushered in a remarkable period of poetry, music, calligraphy, painting, and the sciences. Includes A Guide to the Words in the Story, Guide for Parents and Educators, Author's Note. (BMB) 1, 2, 3, 9

BRAVE BALLERINA: THE STORY OF JANET COLLINS. Michelle Meadows. Illustrated by Ebony Glenn. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Henry Holt and Co. (BYR). 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781250127730, \$17.99. (P) This beautiful picture book chronicles the life of Janet Collins as she becomes a dancer, choreographer, and the first African American prima ballerina in the Metropolitan Opera House. Historical and societal impacts are easily explained for young readers. Includes Author's Note, Related Websites, Sources. (HHS) 3, 4, 5

FIGHTER IN VELVET GLOVES: ALASKA CIVIL RIGHTS HERO ELIZABETH PERATROVICH. Annie Boochever with Roy Peratrovich Jr. University of Alaska Press. 80pp. Trade ISBN 9781602233706, \$16.95. (M) This informational biography tells the story of civil rights hero Elizabeth Peratrovich whose advocacy for Indigenous rights in the 1940s led to Alaska's Anti-Discrimination Act. Includes Afterword, Photographs, Timeline, Glossary, Bibliography. (SES) 5, 6, 10

IDA B. WELLS: DISCOVERING HISTORY'S HEROES. Diane Bailey. Simon & Schuster / Aladdin. 160pp. Trade ISBN 9781534424852, \$17.99. (I) In this engaging biography, readers learn about Ida B. Wells, an African American civil rights advocate, journalist, and educator who fought against racial injustice during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Includes Glossary, Bibliography. (KJ) 6, 10



THE IMPORTANT THING ABOUT MARGARET WISE BROWN. Mac Barnett. Illustrated by Sarah Jacoby. HarperCollins / Balzer + Bray. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780062393449, \$17.99. (P) This charming biography celebrates the interests, oddities, and beauty of life. A story of talent and perseverance that introduces Margaret Wise Brown, a queer-positive feminist role model. A must-read for any age. (BP) 3, 4, 5

IT BEGAN WITH A PAGE: HOW GYO FUJIKAWA DREW THE WAY. Kyo Maclear. Illustrated by Julie Morstad. Harper Collins. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780062447623, \$17.99. (P) Young Japanese American Gyo fills her blank pages and breaks the rules to tell the story of people of all races in World War II, during an era of racial discrimination. A pictorial timeline of Gyo's accomplishments completes the story. Includes A Note from the Author and Illustrator, A Timeline of Gyo's Life, Photographs, Bibliography, Sources. (CH) 1, 3, 4

PLANTING STORIES: THE LIFE OF LIBRARIAN AND STORYTELLER PURA BELPRÉ. Anika Aldamuy Denise. Illustrated by Paola Escobar. HarperCollins Publishers/ Harper. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9780062748683, \$17.99. (P) This brightly colored narrative details the journey of a young immigrant from Puerto Rico who infuses her culture and her abuela's stories into her job as a librarian at the New York Public Library. Includes Author's Note, Bibliography. (ECG) 1, 5

A ROYAL RIDE: CATHERINE THE GREAT'S GREAT INVENTION. Kristen Fulton. Illustrated by Lucy Fleming. Simon & Schuster / Margaret K. McElderry Books. 40pp. Trade ISBN 9781481496575, \$17.99. (P) Catherine the Great of Russia loved to sled in the winter and wanted to be able to sled with no snow. She worked to invent the roller coaster in this STEM-based nonfiction picture book. Includes Author's Note, Roller Coaster Timeline, Bibliography. (BMB) 2, 3, 7

SISTERS: VENUS AND SERENA WILLIAMS. Written and illustrated by Jeanette Winter. Simon & Schuster / Beach Lane Books. 48 pp. Trade ISBN 9781534431218, \$17.99. (P) This is a heartwarming story of Venus and Serena Williams. From their humble beginnings in Compton, California, to their unrivaled success on and off the tennis court, they knew they always had each other's support. Includes Bibliography. (DTG) 3, 4

SWEET DREAMS, SARAH: FROM SLAVERY TO INVENTOR.

Vivian Kirkfield. Illustrated by Chris Ewald. Creston Books. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781939547316, \$17.99.

(I) This picture book chronicles the little-known life of Sarah E. Goode, an innovative furniture designer and one of the first African American women in U.S. history to be granted a patent. Includes Author's Note, Timelines, Sources. (KJ) 1, 7

✿ VOICES: THE FINAL HOURS OF JOAN OF ARC. David Elliott. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Young Readers. 208pp. Trade ISBN 9781328987594, \$17.99. (H) This creative biography, retold through medieval poetic forms and voices of people in her life, describes the inspiring Joan of Arc and her rise to sainthood. Quotes from her two trials explore issues of gender and misogyny. Includes Before You Read (French pronunciation guide), Author's Note, Map. (CLN) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

WHEN SUE FOUND SUE: SUE HENDRICKSON DISCOVERS HERT. REX. Toni Buzzeeo. Illustrated by Diana Sudyka. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 32pp. Trade ISBN 9781419731631, \$17.99. (P) An informational biography about paleontologist Sue Hendrickson, who in 1990 discovered the largest, most complete T. Rex skeleton. Named for Sue Hendrickson, Sue the T.



Rex is now permanently exhibited at Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. Includes Author's Note, Children's Resources, Bibliography. (CLN) 3, 8

WILD HORSE ANNIE: FRIEND OF THE MUSTANGS. Tracey Fern. Illustrated by Steven Salerno. Macmillan Children's Publishing Group / Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR). 48pp. Trade ISBN 9780374303068, \$17.99. (P) Polio survivor Velma Bronn Johnston, known as Wild Horse Annie, fights to save mustang horses from slaughter. She campaigns first locally, then federally, and with help from a school children's letter writing campaign spearheads legislation to save the mustangs. Includes Author's Note, Selected Sources. (BMB) 3, 4, 6, 10

WILMA'S WAY HOME: THE LIFE OF WILMA MANKILLER. Doreen Rappaport. Illustrated by Linda Kukuk. Disney Book Group / Disney Hyperion. 48pp. Trade ISBN 9781484747186, \$17.99. (P) This beautifully illustrated book recounts the inspiring life story of Wilma Mankiller, first female chief of the Cherokee Nation, and conveys the history of indigenous sovereignty. Includes Learn More About Wilma Mankiller and the Cherokee Nation, Author's Note, Illustrator's Note, Important Events, Pronunciation Guide, Bibliography, Source Notes. (SES) 3, 6, 10

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