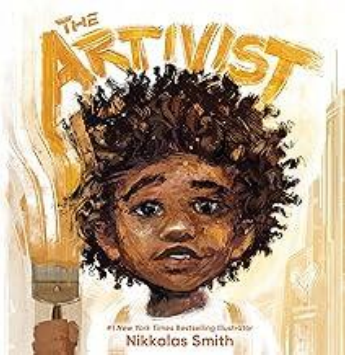


2023 MCLS Best Children's Books



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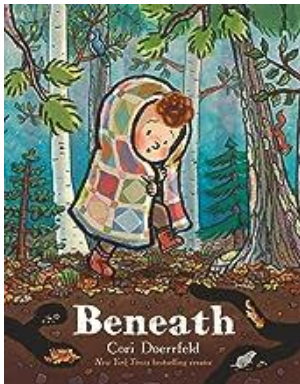
Best Picture Books



The Artist

By Nikkolas Smith

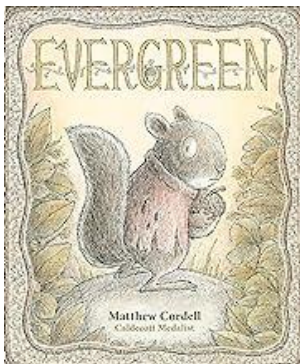
An Artist uses art to point out what is wrong with the world and light a flame to spark action to light a path toward healing, equity, and inclusion. This semiautobiographical volume combines powerful text that encourages all kinds of art to inspire change.



Beneath

By Cori Doerrfeld

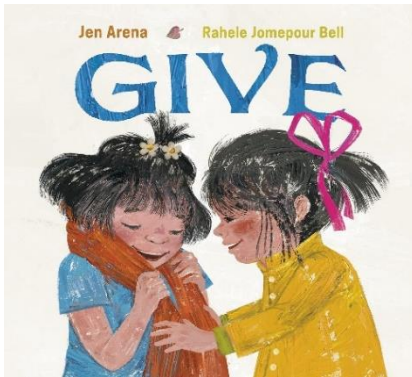
Finn is in a bad mood. When their grandfather convinces them to take a walk in the woods, the pair discover that there is more to nature, and themselves, than meets the eye.



Evergreen

By Matthew Cordell

Evergreen the squirrel manages to overcome her fears while having exciting adventures on her way to take healing soup to her granny.

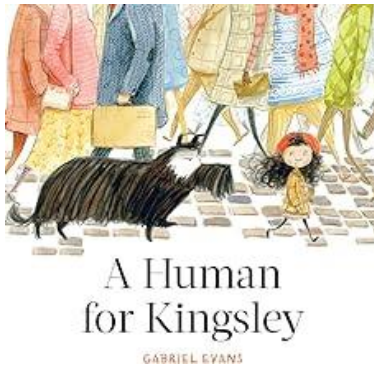


Give

By Jen Arena

Illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell

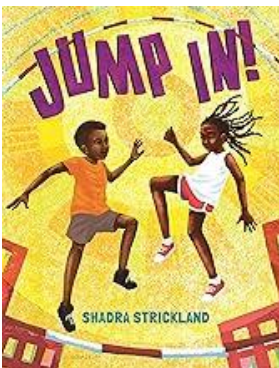
This book shows the power of simple acts of kindness, and the potential to change other people's days for the better.



A Human For Kingsley

By Gabriel Evans

A sweet, tender and deeply funny story about the power of friendship, and one dog's mission to find the perfect person.



Jump In!

By Shadra Strickland

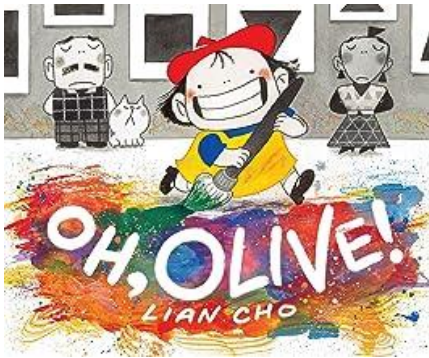
All the kids and some grownups in the neighborhood spend the day in the playground enjoying a beautiful day with each other. The illustrations are action-packed with lots of fold out pages.



Little Land

By Diana Sudyka

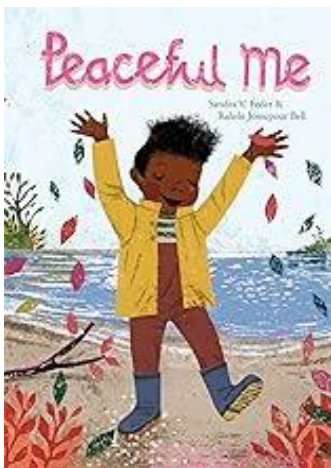
A story of land evolving over the history of time and what each of us can do to be good stewards of the earth.



Oh, Olive!

By Lian Cho

Olive Chen has a unique painting style that her artist parents don't quite understand. Her confidence enables her to create vibrant art with no boundaries.

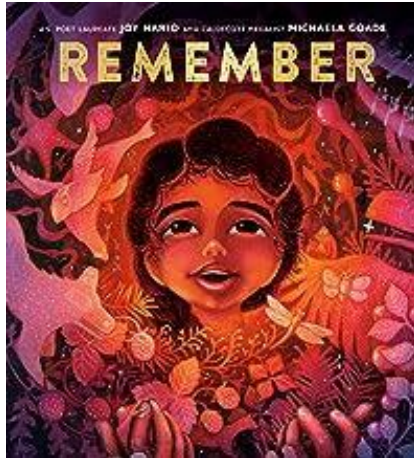


Peaceful Me

By Sandra V. Feder

Illustrated by Rahele Jompour Belle

A young child tells us about the different times when he feels peaceful, as well as how he copes when he needs to find a peaceful state again. Great paired with an activity for SEL and mindfulness programs.

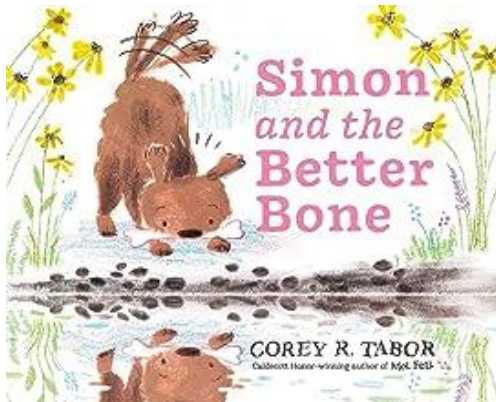


Remember

By Joy Harjo

Illustrated by Michaela Goade

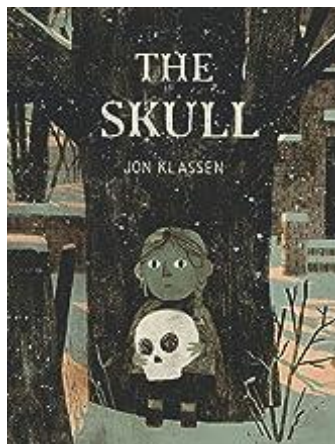
Adapted from a poem by Poet Laureate Joy Harjo, this book invites readers to pause and reflect on the wonder of the world around them, and to remember the importance of their place in it.



Simon and the Better Bone

By Corey R. Tabor

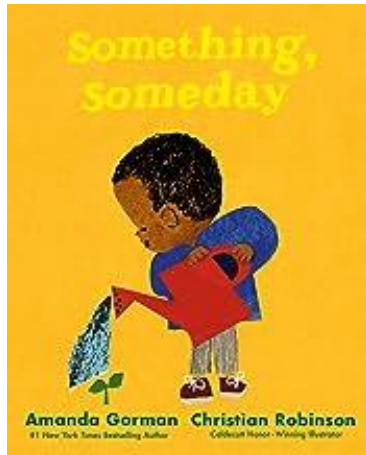
This story reimagines Aesop's "The Dog and his Reflection" in a clever, charming tale of empathy and generosity.



The Skull

By Jon Klassen

After running away, Otilla is lost in the forest and finds a mansion inhabited by a skull. Otilla is able to help the skull in many ways, and after she demonstrates her bravery to save the skull from a fate worse than death, they live happily ever after.

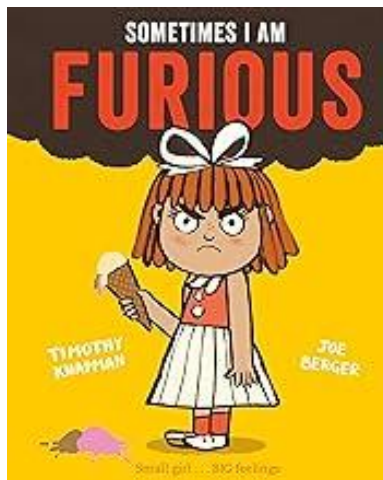


Something, Someday

By Amanda Gorman

Illustrated by Christian Robinson

“You’re told that this cannot be fixed,” writes Amanda Gorman, “but you know that you can help.” The 2021 inaugural poet combines her words with Christian Robinson’s pictures to show young readers that they, even as children, can come together and make a better world.



Sometimes I Am Furious

By Timothy Knapman

Illustrated by Joe Berger

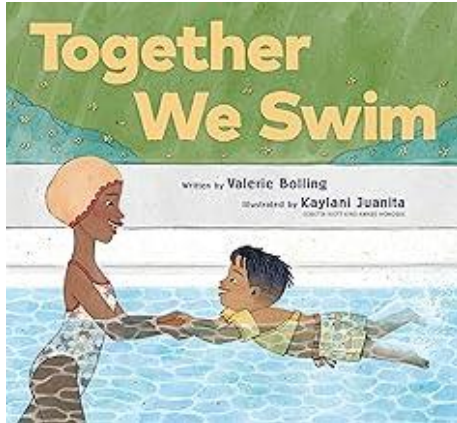
A little girl explains the full range of her feelings: sometimes she can be a princess, sometimes she can be kind and generous, and SOMETIMES SHE IS FURIOUS. The book encourages children to view each feeling, even anger, as a normal part of life, and the illustrations are expressive, vibrant, and fun (just look at that cover!)



Spicy Spicy Hot

By Lenny Wen

Lintang’s nanek (grandma) visits, but all of Grandma’s cooking is too spicy for Lintang and she feels left out of the family meal! Lots of kids have trouble with spice, or have trouble finding foods that they enjoy, and they will be able to relate to Lintang’s dilemma.

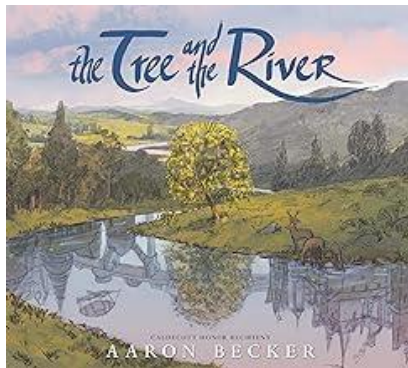


Together We Swim

By Valerie Bolling

Illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

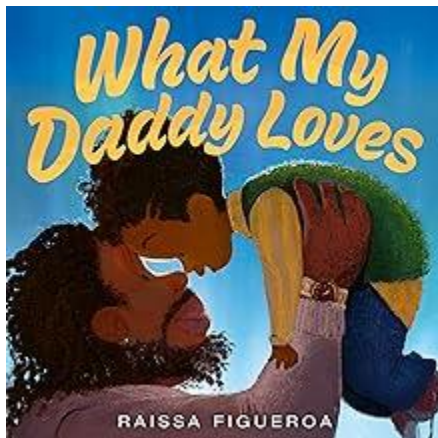
A child and his mother experience their first swim lessons together. This story is a lesson in perseverance and the importance of a caregiver's support during new experiences.



The Tree and the River

By Aaron Becker

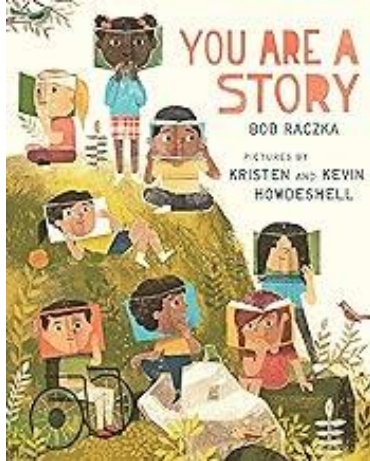
Becker spotlights a single tree's life cycle against a changing backdrop of human conflicts, technological change, and natural events. Without words, he explores big ideas such as war, humanity's impact on the environment, and the resilience of nature over time.



What My Daddy Loves

By Raissa Figueroa

The book's words take the form of a simple, repeating list: "My daddy loves exploring with me," "My daddy loves sitting with me," et cetera. The illustrations that go with it are fun (my favorite is a picture of Dad, on the back of a grocery cart, zooming down a supermarket aisle) and the book proudly celebrates Black families.

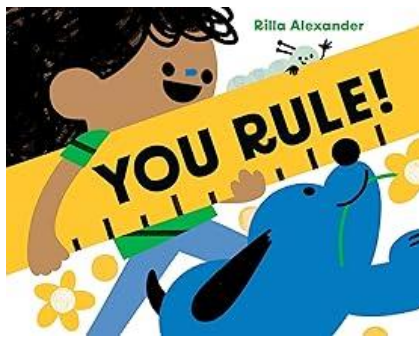


You Are A Story

By Bob Raczka

Illustrated by Kristen and Kevin Howdeshell

This book tells you that you are and could be so many things, but whatever you choose to do, it's your life to write, and you are a story.



You Rule!

By Rilla Alexander

Each page includes a question, along with a range of potential answers: "How Ready Are You?" includes options that go from "not at all!" to "can't wait!" This approach offers expressive vocabulary and can function as a conversation prompt for kids that are learning to

describe their feelings.

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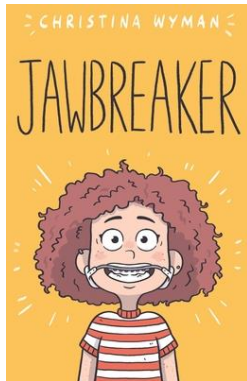
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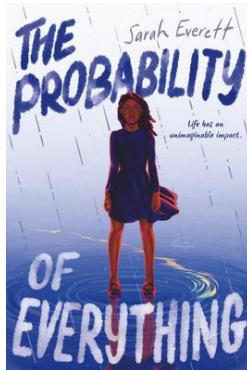
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Best Chapter Books



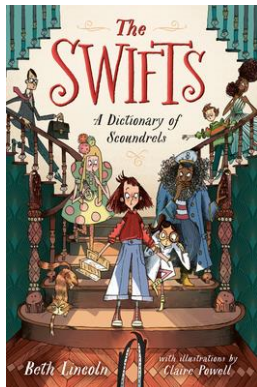
Jawbreaker by Christina Wyman

Max Plink's life is complicated. Her parents aren't getting along. The school bullies are relentless--and her own sister is the cruelest of them. Worst of all, her mouth is a mess. With a mismatched puzzle of a jaw, Max has a Class II malocclusion, otherwise known as a severe overbite. She already has braces, which means she lives on Advil and soft foods after each orthodontist appointment. But now Max has to wear painful (and totally awkward) orthodontic headgear nicknamed "the jawbreaker." Could things get any worse?



The Probability of Everything by Sarah Everett

Eleven-year-old Kemi Carter loves scientific facts, specifically probability. It's how she understands the world and her place in it. Kemi knows her odds of being born were 1 in 5.5 trillion, and that the odds of her having the best family ever were even lower. Yet somehow, Kemi lucked out.



The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels by Beth Lincoln

"On the day they are born, every Swift child is brought before the sacred Family Dictionary. They are given a name, and a definition. A definition it is assumed they will grow up to match. Meet Shenanigan Swift: Little sister. Risk-taker. Mischief-maker. Shenanigan is getting ready for the big Swift Family Reunion and plotting her next great scheme: hunting for Grand-Uncle Vile's long-lost treasure. She's excited to finally meet her arriving relatives -- until one of them gives Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude a deadly shove down the stairs. So what if everyone thinks she'll never be more than a troublemaker, just because of her name? Shenanigan knows

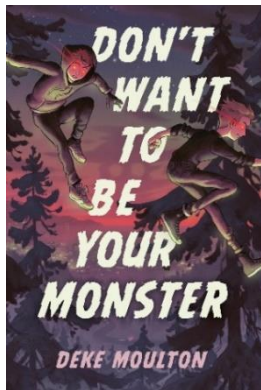
she can become whatever she wants, even a detective. And she's determined to follow the twisty clues and catch the killer. Deliciously suspenseful and delightfully clever, *The Swifts* is a remarkable debut that is both brilliantly contemporary and instantly classic. A celebration of words and individuality, it's packed with games, wordplay, and lots and lots of mischief as Shenanigan sets out to save her family and define herself in a world where definitions are so important."



Shira and Esther's Double Dream Debut by Anna Jordan

When Shira and Esther first meet, they can hardly believe their eyes. It's like looking in a mirror! But even though they may look identical, the two girls couldn't be more different. Shira dreams of singing and dancing onstage, but her father, a stern and pious rabbi, thinks Shira should be reading prayers, not plays. Esther dreams of studying Torah, but her mother, a glamorous stage performer, wishes Esther would spend more time rehearsing and less time sneaking off to read books. Oy vey! If only the two could switch places . . .

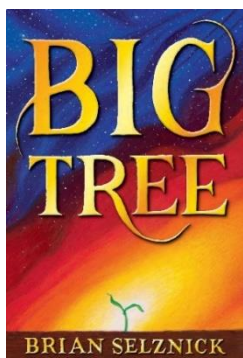
Would Shira shine in a big-time televised talent show? Would Esther's bat mitzvah go off without a hitch? What's a little deception, when it means your dreams might finally be within reach? One thing is certain: Shira and Esther are going to need more than a little chutzpah to pull this off. But if they do, their double dream debut is sure to be the performance of a lifetime.



Don't Want to Be Your Monster by Deke Moulton

Two vampire brothers must set aside their differences to solve a series of murders in this humorous and delightfully spooky novel for young readers. For fans of *Too Bright to See*. Adam and Victor are brothers who have the usual fights over the remote, which movie to watch and whether or not it's morally acceptable to eat people. Well, not so much eat ...just drink a little blood. They're vampires, hiding in plain sight with their eclectic yet loving family. Ten-year-old Adam knows he has a better purpose in life (well, death) than just drinking blood, but fourteen-year-old Victor wants to accept his own self-image of vampirism. Everything

changes when bodies start to appear all over town, and it becomes clear that a vampire hunter may be on the lookout for the family. Can Adam and Victor reconcile their differences and work together to stop the killer before it's too late?



Big Tree by Brian Selznick

A mysterious voice has been speaking to Louise in her dreams. She and her brother Merwin are Sycamore seeds, who hope to one day set down roots and become big trees. But when a fire forces them to leave their mama tree prematurely, they find themselves catapulted into the unknown, far from home. Alone and unprepared, they must use their wits and imagination to navigate a dangerous world—filled with dinosaurs, meteors, and volcanoes!—and the fear of never finding a safe place to grow up. As the

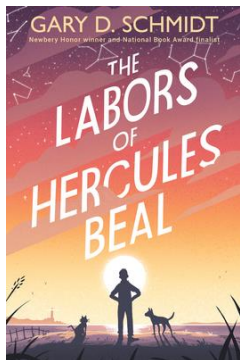
mysterious voice gets louder, Louise comes to realize their mission in life may be much bigger

than either of them ever could have imagined! Brimming with humor, wonder, mystery, and a profound sense of hope, *Big Tree* is a trailblazing adventure, illustrated with nearly 300 pages of breathtaking pictures. It is Selznick's most imaginative and far-reaching work to date and a singular reading experience for the whole family.



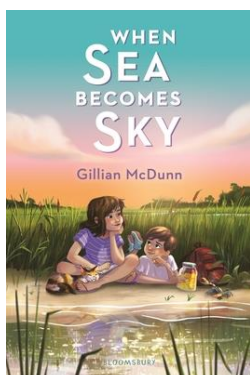
Simon Sort of Says by Erin Bow

Simon O’Keeffe’s biggest claim to fame *should* be the time his dad accidentally gave a squirrel a holy sacrament. Or maybe the alpaca disaster that went viral on YouTube. But the story the whole world wants to tell about Simon is the one he’d do anything to forget: the story in which he’s the only kid in his class who survived a school shooting.



Labors of Hercules Beal by Gary D Schmidt

From award-winning author Gary D. Schmidt, a warm and witty novel in the tradition of *The Wednesday Wars*, in which a seventh grader has to figure out how to fulfill an assignment to perform the Twelve Labors of Hercules in real life—and makes discoveries about friendship, community, and himself along the way. Herc Beal knows who he's named after—a mythical hero—but he's no superhero. He's the smallest kid in his class. So when his homeroom teacher at his new middle school gives him the assignment of duplicating the mythical Hercules's amazing feats in real life, he's skeptical. After all, there are no Nemean Lions on Cape Cod—and not a single Hydra in sight. Missing his parents terribly and wishing his older brother wasn't working all the time, Herc figures out how to take his first steps along the road that the great Hercules himself once walked. Soon, new friends, human and animal, are helping him. And though his mythical role model performed his twelve labors by himself, Herc begins to see that he may not have to go it alone.



When Sea Becomes Sky by Gillian McDunn

In this heartfelt summer story, acclaimed author Gillian McDunn paints a stunning portrait of the bond of siblings and the love we'll always carry with us.

Bex and Davey's summer in the saltmarsh is different this year, thanks to the record-breaking drought. Even the fish seem listless--and each day the water level lowers farther. When they discover a mysterious underwater

statue, they're thrilled at the chance to solve the puzzle of its origin. This is the summer adventure they've been waiting for.

When they learn of a development plan that will destroy their special spot, they'll need to act quickly. Unfortunately, sometimes progress happens whether you're ready or not. What will it mean if Bex and Davey lose their corner of the marsh where otters frolic and dragonflies buzz-- their favorite place to be siblings together?

As Bex and Davey attempt to save the statue and their beloved marsh, they come to see that the truth is not as simple as it seems . . . ultimately discovering so much more about life, permanence, love, and loss than they ever expected.

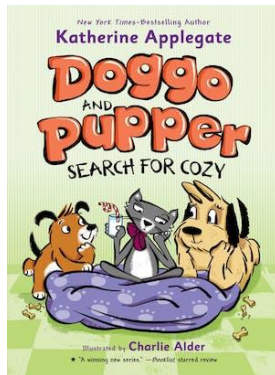
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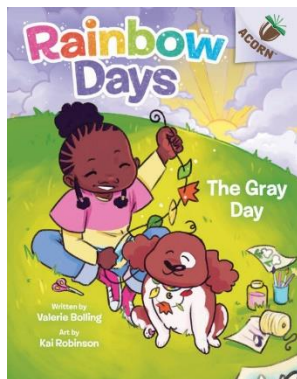
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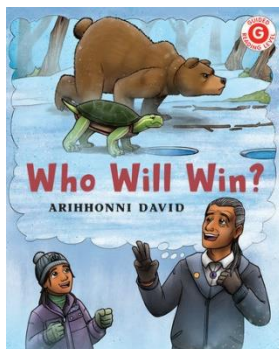
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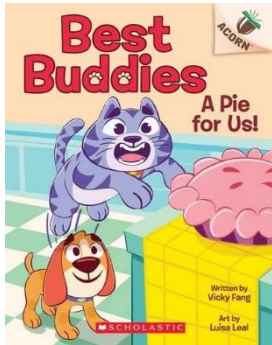
Doggo and Pupper Search for Cozy by Katherine Applegate
Cat loves to sleep and when she gets a new bed, she cannot adjust. Doggo and Pupper must help!
Cat is very dramatic, which makes for a silly read aloud.



Rainbow Days: The Gray Day by Valerie Bolling
Zoya, and her puppy Coco, love art. Zoya loves creating outside, but then it starts to rain. She decides to not let this spoil her fun and finds some glittery ways to make her rainy, gray day better.



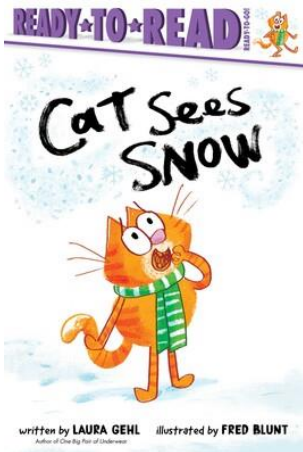
Who Will Win? By Arihthonni David
A bear and a turtle are ready to race across the ice in this exciting Native American tale. Bear races above the ice and turtle races under the ice. Who will win?



Best Buddies: A Pie for Us! By Vicky Fang

Sniff, a dog, and Scratch, a cat, are best buddies. In three stories, they work to bake a pie, Scratch gets stuck in a box, and discovers what a mirror is.

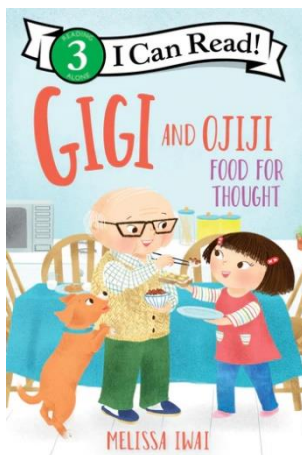
Almost like a beginning graphic novel, the funny characters and simple sentences are perfect for new readers.



Cat Sees Snow by Laura Gehl

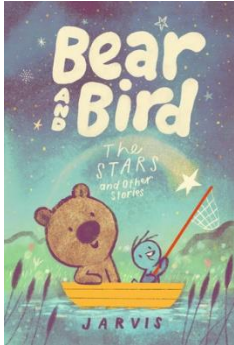
Cat wakes up to see a lot of snow has fallen. She tries to mow and blow the snow. It doesn't work. Will Dog and Pig show her how fun the snow is?

Very rhythmic and repetitive, with a parent guide at the beginning.



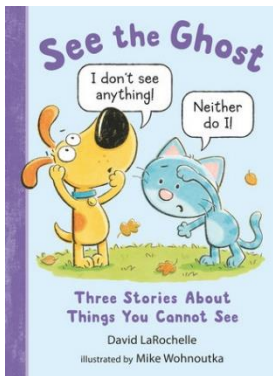
Gigi and Ojiji: Food for Thought by Melissa Iwai

Gigi loves peanut butter toast for breakfast. Ojiji prefers Japanese foods. Gigi tries to eat what Ojiji likes, but trying new foods can be difficult. Will she be able to like all the foods her family enjoys?



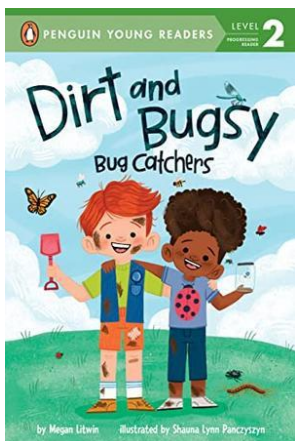
Bear and Bird: The Stars and Other Stories by Jarvis

Bear and Bird had an argument and now think they need a new best friend. The friends do some silly things to make plans to meet up, bake some strange cakes, and watch the stars. Will they be able to support each other again?



See the Ghost by David LaRochelle

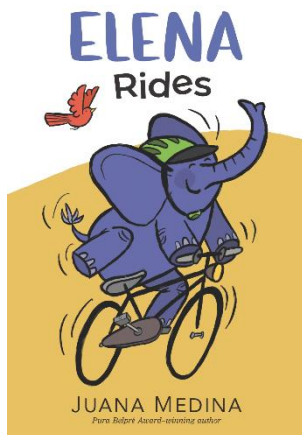
Something is trying to scare everyone! It's a ghost. We cannot see it, but we can hear it. Then the wind and a fairy also create some trouble. Will Dog and Cat be able to picnic and play in peace?



Dirt and Bugsy Bug Catchers by Megan Litwin

Dirt and Bugsy are bug catchers. They spy and dig, lift and sift. They build a bug house for all the bugs they catch. Will they finish in time to beat the storm?

Rhyming text with colorful illustrations are engaging for new readers.



Elena Rides by Juana Medina

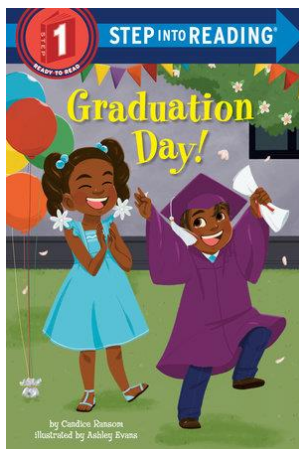
Elena, a purple elephant, is learning to ride her bicycle. It is very hard to do. She keeps trying and pushing herself. Can she do it? Kids will relate to Elena's experience and will enjoy the crashing emphasis. Simple text and bright colors will attract new readers.



Baking with mi Abuelita by Julissa Mora

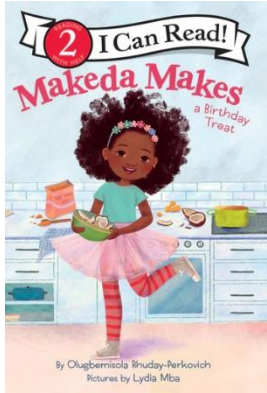
A little girl is baking a delicious cake for Papi's birthday. Her Abuelita loves to bake. She and her sister and cousin count and measure to help out. Waiting to see if their cake is done is the hardest part.

Containing Spanish words throughout, this is a great story for all to read about baking, family, and culture. Glossary at the end for the Spanish translations.

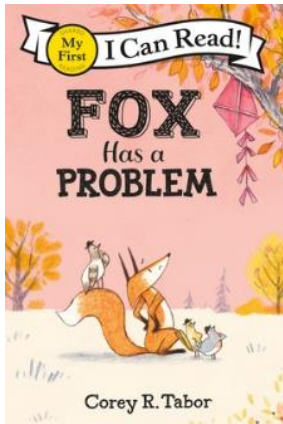


Graduation Day by Candice Ransom

Little brother is getting ready to graduate Kindergarten! He has learned so many new things and on the last day of school, he cleans out his cubby, sings one last song, and shows everyone he can tie his shoes.



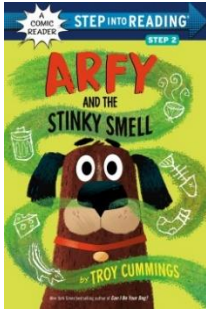
Makeda Makes a Birthday Treat by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich
It's Makeda's birthday and to celebrate, she makes her marvelous coconut drops to share with the class. But everyone else brings cupcakes for their birthdays. Will her classmates like her special treat?



Fox Has a Problem by Corey R. Tabor
Fox has a problem. A kite problem. He tries many methods to get his kite down, but he disrupts the other animals. Can they all work together to help Fox?

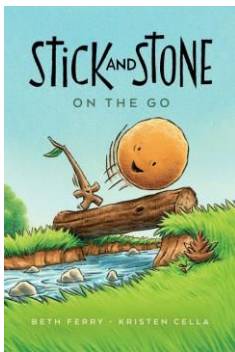
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Best 2023 Graphic Novels



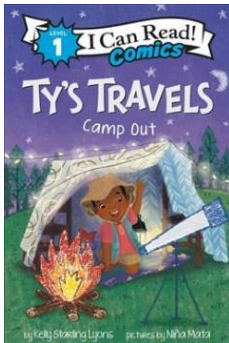
Arfy & the Stinky Smell by *Troy Cummings*

Arfy the rescue dog smells something very stinky, but he can't find the source of the smell. Join him on his adventure to sniff out the cause of this stinky smell. Grades K-1.



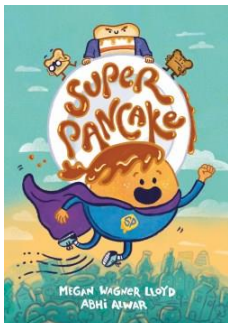
Stick and Stone on the Go by *Beth Ferry*

Join two best friends, Stick and Stone, on two adventures featuring picnics, new experiences, fluffy monsters, and spelunking. Stone is not always the bravest, but things are less scary with Stick by their side. Grades 1-2.



Ty's Travels: Camp-Out by *Kelly Sterling Lyons*

Ty's family is so excited to go camping, but their plans are ruined by non-stop rain. Thanks to Ty's creative thinking, their family may find a way to have their camp-out despite the weather. Grades 1-2.



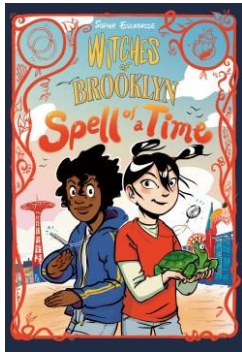
Super Pancake by *Megan Wagner Lloyd*

Peggy the pancake accidentally develops superpowers and must defend Breakfast Town from the evil Dr. Breakfast Sandwich. Grades 2-3.



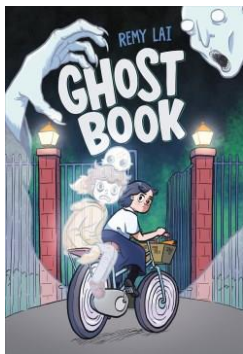
Burt the Beetle Lives Here by *Ashley Spires*

Burt the beetle is a Junebug looking for the perfect home. Join him as he learns about the different places that insects call home, and see if any are a good fit for him. Grades 2-3.



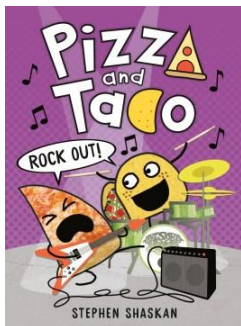
Witches of Brooklyn: Spell of a Time by *Sophie Escabasse*

A new addition to the “Witches of Brooklyn” series full of magic and friendship. Effie and Garence’s trip to Coney Island doesn’t go as planned when the two must find a missing mermaid. Grades 3-4.



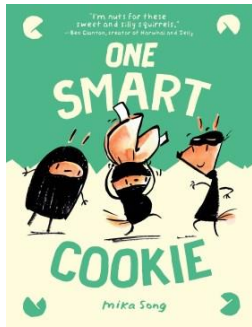
Ghost Book by *Remi Lai*

July Chen can see ghosts in this graphic novel inspired by Chinese mythology. It’s currently Hungry Ghost Month where the Gates of the Underworld are open and evil ghosts cause trouble in the living world. When July saves the ghost of a boy named William who is about to be devoured by a Hungry Ghost, she learns that he’s a wandering soul living between life and death. Will July and William be able to return him to his body? Grades 3-5.



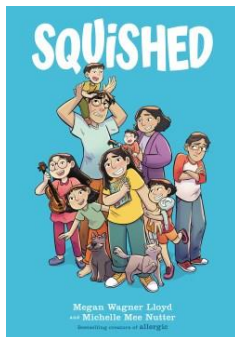
Pizza and Taco Rock Out by *Stephen Shaskan*

Best friend duo Pizza and Taco believe they have all the elements needed to start a band but find it more difficult than they thought. Grades 2-4.



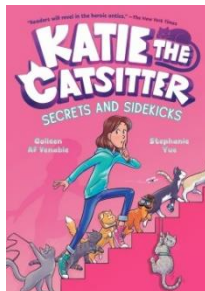
Norma and Belly 4: One Smart Cookie by *Mika Song*

Hungry squirrels go on a heist at a fortune cookie factory to sneak their own fortunes into the delicious snacks. Grades 2-4.



Squished by *Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter*

Avery Lee loves her house and her family, but she is starting to feel squished by her 6 other siblings and wants her own space. When her older brother, Theo, gets his own room she devises a plan to make money so she can afford her own room. Grades 4-6.



Katie the Catsitter: Secrets and Sidekicks by *Colleen AF Venable*

Katie invites some of her best friends to be sidekicks with her, but gets frustrated when they start doing a better job than her. On top of this friendship drama, giant robots start attacking the city. Will Katie and her friends find a way to work together along with 217 super cats to save the city? Grades 4-6.



Saving Sunshine by *Saadia Faruqi*

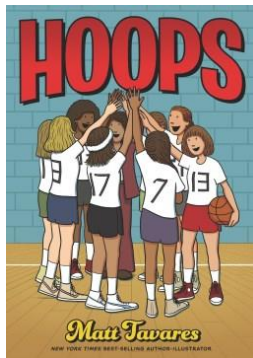
Muslim American siblings Zara and Zeeshan can never seem to get along. When things between them escalate during a summer vacation, their parents punish them by making them spend more time together. Will the two be able to get along when they find an injured turtle in need of saving?

Grades 4-6.



Four Eyes by Rex Ogle

Rex is having a hard time fitting in at school. So, when he finds out that he needs glasses and his family can only afford the ugliest pair, he thinks he's doomed. In this graphic memoir, Rex must learn how to survive sixth grade when it feels like everything's out to get him. Grades 4-6.



Hoops by Matt Tavares

It's 1975 in Indiana and the girls' basketball team is having an undefeated season! Despite this, they aren't treated the same as the boys' basketball team – they make their own uniforms, find rides to away games, and practice in poor conditions. Their spirits are starting to dwindle until a female coach steps in to help them push through. Grades 4-6.



Parachute Kids by Betty C. Tang

Three siblings find themselves living alone as undocumented immigrants when their parents move back to Taiwan and leave them behind. The youngest, Feng-Li, is excited to make new friends and experiences in America, but soon finds out how tricky it is to manage a household. Grades 4-6.



The Dog Knight by Jeremy Whitley

After saving a dog from bullies, Frankie, a nonbinary middle schooler finds out they have been chosen to become the Dog Knight, a human tasked with bridging the gap between dogs and humans. Dogs are constantly trying to protect humans from invisible, evil creatures, and the Dog Knight must help them. But first Frankie must pass several trials to prove they're worthy. Grades 4-6.



Buzzing by Samuel Sattin

12-year-old Isaac has obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and finds everyday activities difficult with a swarm of buzzing negative thoughts. His mother has him in therapy, but it doesn't seem to help. When a group of friends invite him to join an after-school role-playing game, he finds the buzzing thoughts are a little less loud. Grades 4-6.



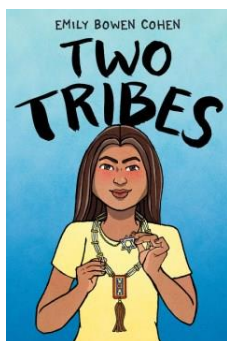
Misfit Mansion by Kay Davault

Iris may look like a monster, but she doesn't feel like she belongs at the foster home for monsters run by paranormal investigator Mr. Halloway. Instead, she longs to escape to a human town and find a human family to adopt her. But once a human boy named Matthias helps her escape, she must face a whole new set of challenges in this strange new world. Grades 4-6.



Nayra and the Djinn by Iasmin Omar Ata

Muslim American Nayra is ready to transfer schools after struggling with bullies, friends, and strict parents. But then a djinn named Marjan – a mythical being in Islamic folklore – appears and helps Nayra navigate her tricky life. However, Marjan has a dark past that they must face before Nayra gets hurt. Grades 4-6.

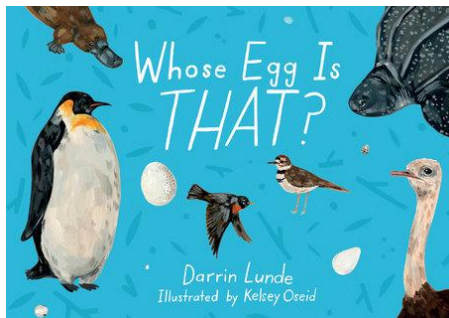


Two Tribes by Emily Bowen Cohen

Mia is half-Muscogee and half-Jewish. When her Muscogee father leaves and her mother refuses to talk about him, Mia finds herself struggling with her new Jewish identity. Wanting to find a connection with her Muscogee roots, she takes a bus to visit her father with her Bat Mitzvah money without her mother knowing. Grades 4-6.

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Nonfiction Best Books 2023

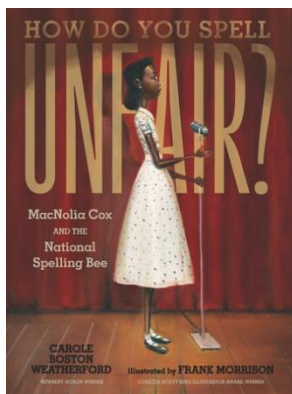


Whose Egg is That?

By Darren Lunde, Illustrated by Kelsey Oseid

A nonfiction guessing game that explores the connections between an animal, its eggs, and its habitat. Written by a mammalogist at the Smithsonian, this clever preschool page-turner pairs seven eggs with information about the animals' survival mechanisms, asking kids to guess which animal laid which egg.

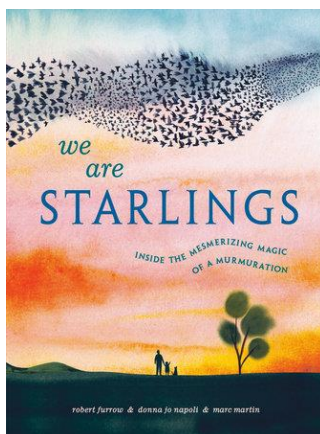
Adorable book that is great as a read aloud for a wide range of ages, allowing readers to guess who laid each egg.



How Do You Spell Unfair?

By Carole Boston Weatherford, Illustrated by Frank Morrison

In 1936, eighth grader MacNolia Cox became the first African American to win the Akron, Ohio, spelling bee. And with that win, she was asked to compete at the prestigious National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, where she and a girl from New Jersey were the first African Americans invited since its founding. With a brief epilogue recounting MacNolia's further history, *How Do You Spell Unfair?* is the story of her groundbreaking achievement.

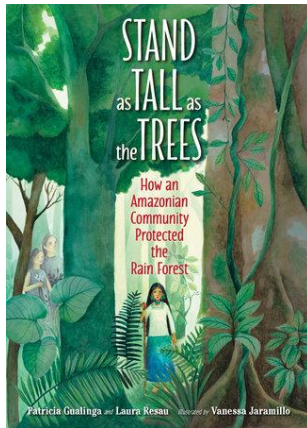


We Are Starlings: Inside the Mesmerizing Magic of Murmuration

By Robert Furrow and Donna Jo Napoli, Illustrated by Marc Martin

A stunning picture book for young nature lovers about starlings and the fascinating phenomenon of murmurations. The story is told from the point of view of the flock, which gives the reader an inside look at what is happening, and the breathtaking illustrations perfectly capture the ebb and flow of a murmuration.

Beautiful book that introduces the concept of murmuration in a simple yet captivating manner.

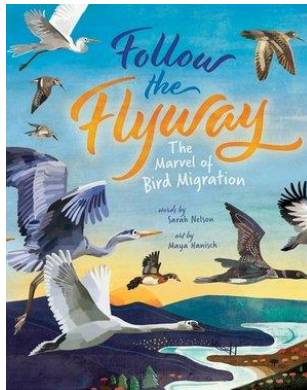


Stand as Tall as the Trees: How an Amazonian Community Protected the Rain Forest

By Patricia Gualinga & Laura Resau, Illustrated by Vanessa Jaramillo

An inspiring true story about how an activist in the Amazon worked with other Indigenous communities to protect and preserve their sacred lands and forests.

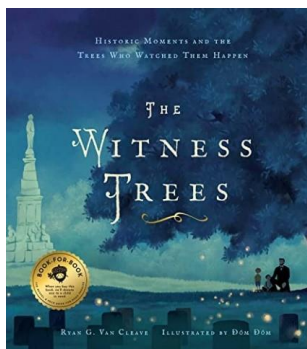
Empowering, full of hope, and needed.



Follow the Flyway: The Marvel of Bird Migration

By Sarah Nelson, Illustrated by Maya Hanisch

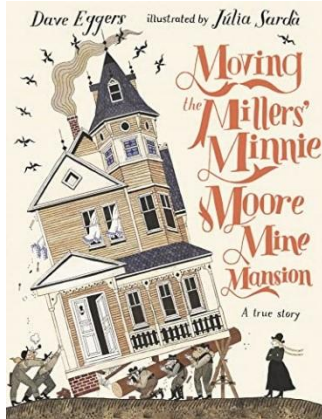
In this lyrical STEM gem, nests full of baby birds hatch, grow feathers, learn to fly, and then finally follow the autumn winds south along the majestic flyway for their first big migration. Illustrated endnotes provide factual information about bird migration, the four flyways of North America, the species of birds found in the book and sources for further reading.



The Witness Trees

By Ryan G. Van Cleave, Illustrated by Dôm, Dôm

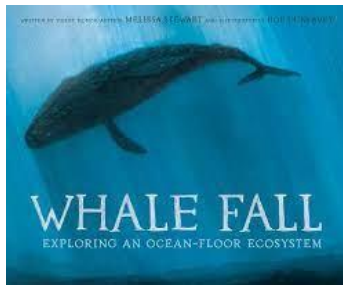
A beautiful dive into the historical events of our planet and the trees that witnessed them. This book will surely inspire children to investigate great historical moments as well as build a strong fascination with some of the oldest living beings on our planet, trees.



Moving the Miller's Minnie Moore Mine Mansion: A True Story

By Dave Eggers, Illustrated by Júlia Sardà

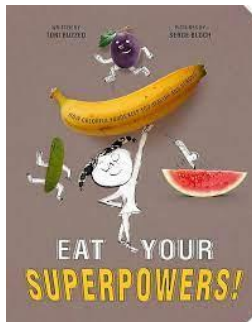
A hilarious narrator tells the true story of how one woman moves her house, keeps her pigs and saves her family. Complimented by amazing illustrations from Julia Sarda.



Whale Fall: Exploring An Ocean-Floor Ecosystem

By Melissa Stewart, Illustrations by Rob Dunlavey

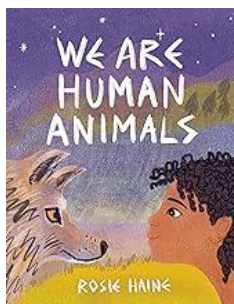
Has received positive reviews. This is an engaging book that takes something that may be considered tragic and shows what a gift it is to the sea.



Eat Your Superpowers: How Colorful Foods Keep You Strong and Healthy

By Toni Buzzeo, Illustrated by Serge Bloch

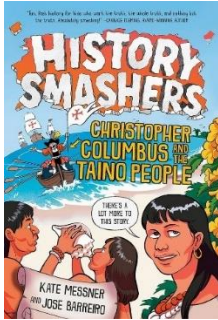
Bright colors and clean design make it easy to share with children. Has received starred review from Kirkus.



We Are Human Animals

By Rosie Haine

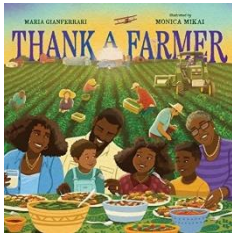
Lots of positive reviews. Lays out just how animal humans really are even today.



History Smashers: Christopher Columbus and the Taino People

By Kate Messner & Jose Barreiro

For kids in 3rd-4th grade. Kids who are into Hazardous Tales will like this series too.



Thank a Farmer

By Maria Gianferrari, Illustrated by Monica Mikai

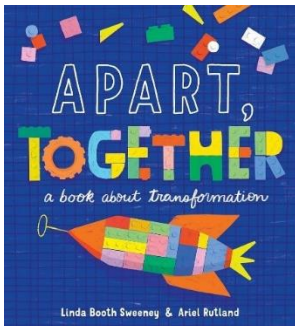
Super engaging book that encourages children to think about where their food comes from.



Glitter Everywhere!

By Chris Barton, Illustrated by Chaaya Prabhat

Glitter. You might love it. You might hate it. But did you ever wonder how we got it? Follow the evolutionary journey of glitter--with all the history, science, and math that was needed!



Apart, Together: A Book about Transformation

By Linda Booth Sweeney, Illustrated by Ariel Rutland

Many things exist on their own, but what happens when you put some things together? Something entirely new! Learn about cause and effect and the magical transformation when parts become a whole.

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