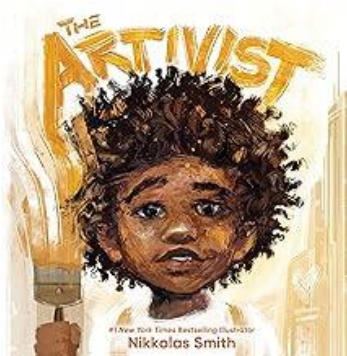


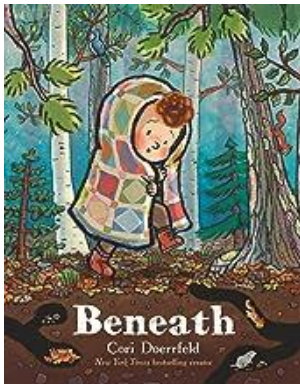
Best Picture Books



The Artist

By Nikkolas Smith

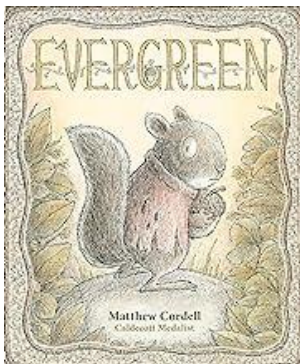
An Artist uses art to point out what is wrong with the world and light a flame to spark action to light a path toward healing, equity, and inclusion. This semiautobiographical volume combines powerful text that encourages all kinds of art to inspire change.



Beneath

By Cori Doerrfeld

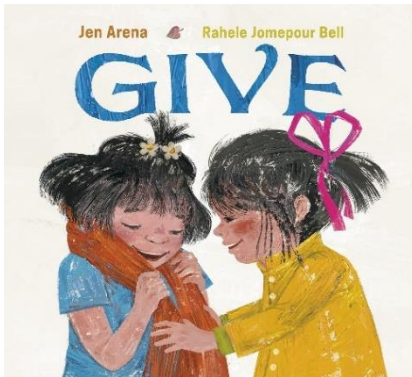
Finn is in a bad mood. When their grandfather convinces them to take a walk in the woods, the pair discover that there is more to nature, and themselves, than meets the eye.



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.

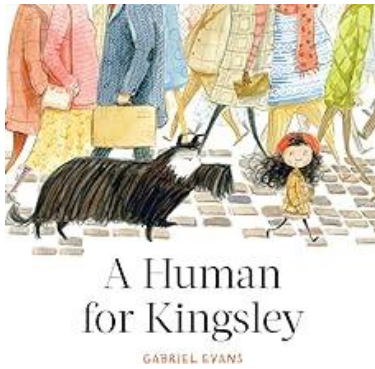


Give

By Jen Arena

Illustrated by Rahele Jomepour Bell

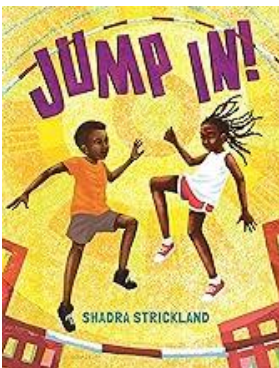
This book shows the power of simple acts of kindness, and the potential to change other people's days for the better.



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!

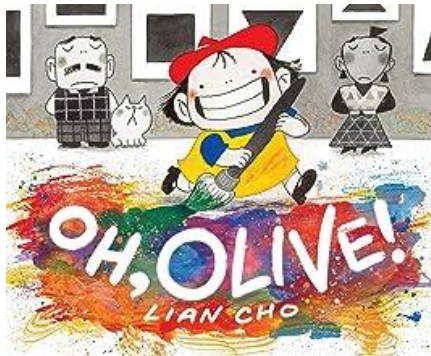
By Shadra Strickland

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.



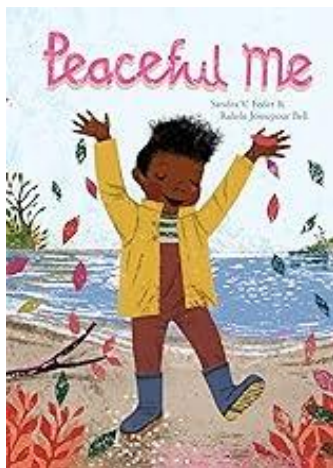
Little Land
By Diana Sudyka

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



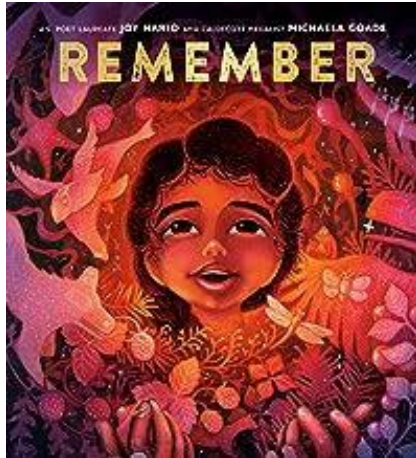
Oh, Olive!
By Lian Cho

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.

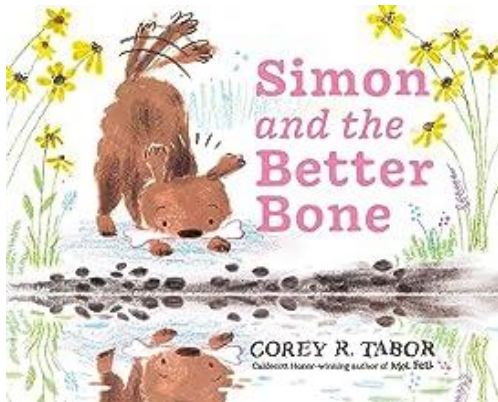


Remember

By Joy Harjo

Illustrated by Michaela Goade

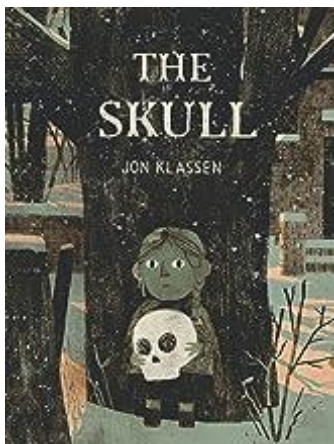
Adapted from a poem by Poet Laureate Joy Harjo, this book invites readers to pause and reflect on the wonder of the world around them, and to remember the importance of their place in it.



Simon and the Better Bone

By Corey R. Tabor

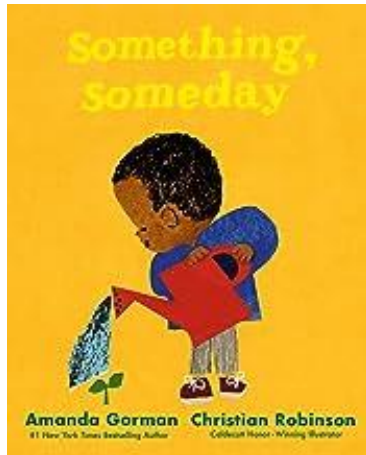
This story reimagines Aesop's "The Dog and his Reflection" in a clever, charming tale of empathy and generosity.



The Skull

By Jon Klassen

After running away, Otilia is lost in the forest and finds a mansion inhabited by a skull. Otilia 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.

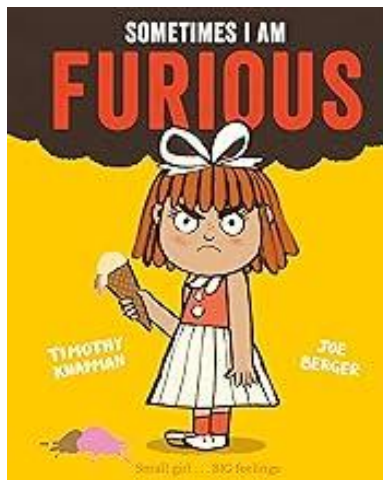


Something, Someday

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

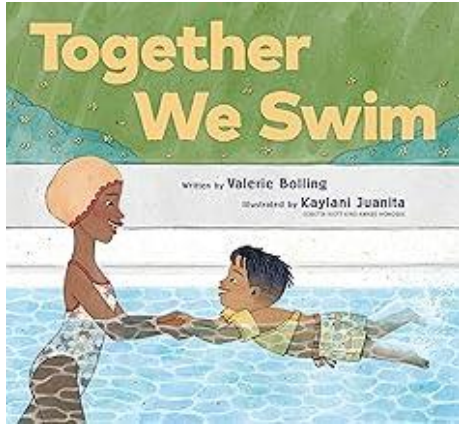
A little girl explains the full range of her feelings: sometimes she can be a princess, sometimes she can be kind and generous, and SOMETIMES SHE IS FURIOUS. The book encourages children to view each feeling, even anger, as a normal part of life, and the illustrations are expressive, vibrant, and fun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



Spicy Spicy Hot

By Lenny Wen

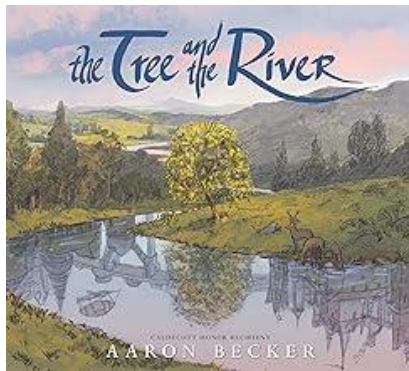
Lintang’s nanek (grandma) visits, but all of Grandma’s cooking is too spicy for Lintang and she feels left out of the family meal! Lots of kids have trouble with spice, or have trouble finding foods that they enjoy, and they will be able to relate to Lintang’s dilemma.



Together We Swim

By Valerie Bolling
Illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

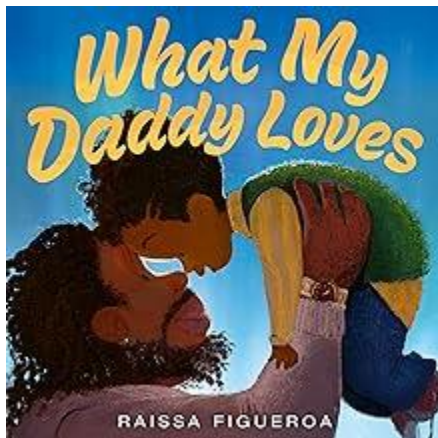
A child and his mother experience their first swim lessons together. This story is a lesson in perseverance and the importance of a caregiver's support during new experiences.



The Tree and the River

By Aaron Becker

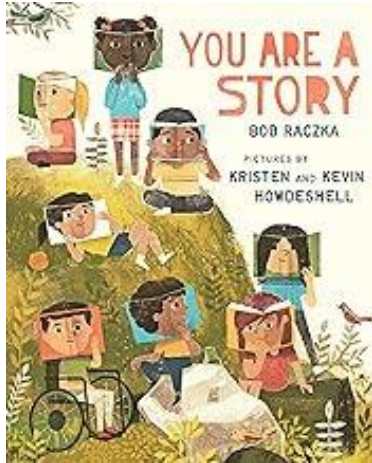
Becker spotlights a single tree's life cycle against a changing backdrop of human conflicts, technological change, and natural events. Without words, he explores big ideas such as war, humanity's impact on the environment, and the resilience of nature over time.



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.

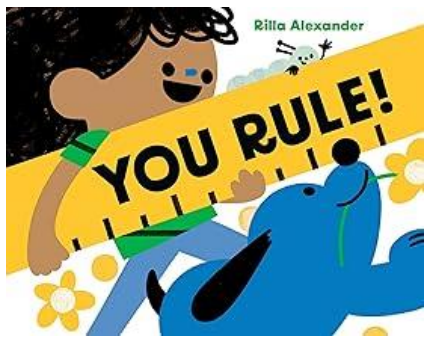


You Are A Story

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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