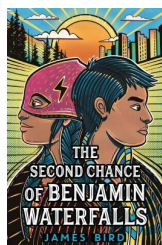


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GRADES 6-8



Bird, James

The Second Chance of Benjamin Waterfalls

After being caught stealing one too many times, Benjamin Waterfalls is sent to a “boot camp” at the Ojibwe reservation where he searches for answers as he tries to turn his life around and embrace this second chance.

Race & Ethnicity | Indigenous



Cisneros, Ernesto

Falling Short

Best friends Isaac and Marco face various challenges in sixth grade, such as Isaac getting better grades, Marco winning a spot on the basketball team, and both seeing their efforts make a change in their respective family lives.

Race & Ethnicity | Latine



Dumas, Marti

Wildseed Witch

After a YouTube video reveals that she's a Wildseed—a witch from a non-magical family—Hasani is whisked away to an elite summer camp for witches in New Orleans.

Race & Ethnicity | Black

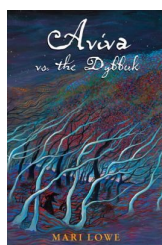


Keller, Tae

Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone

Mallory Moss knows that you have to fit in to survive middle school. When her alien-obsessed neighbor Jennifer Chan goes missing, Mallory has to confront why Jennifer might have run...and face the truth within herself.

Race & Ethnicity | Asian & Pacific Islander



Lowe, Mari

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk

A long ago accident. An isolated girl named Aviva. A community that wants to help, but doesn't know how. And a ghostly dybbuk, that no one but Aviva can see, causing mayhem and mischief that everyone blames on her.

Religion | Judaism

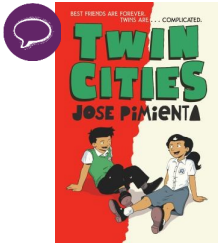


Pérez, Celia C.

Tumbos / Tumble

Before she decides whether to accept her stepfather's adoption proposal, Adela Ramírez reaches out to her estranged biological father, a luchador launching a comeback, and his extended family.

Language | Spanish



Pimienta, Jose

Twin Cities

Luis Fernando and Luisa Teresa are twins who learn about who they are and what their sibling means to them when they are sent to different middle schools on either side of the US-Mexico border.

Citizenship Status

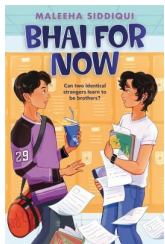


Reedy, Trent

Racing Storm Mountain

Kelton sees his chance to impress his classmates when a snowmobile race is announced, but when the popular kids follow him into the backcountry, they find themselves in real danger, relying on their wits and teamwork to survive.

Income Inequality

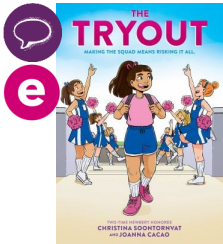


Siddiqui, Maleeha

Bhai for Now

They may not like each other, but they need each other. When Ashar and Shaheer meet, they quickly discover they're twins and will stop at nothing to get to know the parent they've been separated from.

Religion | Muslim

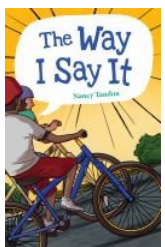


Soontornvat, Christina

The Tryout

A graphic novel memoir inspired by the author's middle school experience as one of the few Asian students in her class, centering around her audition for the school cheerleading squad.

Race & Ethnicity | Asian & Pacific Islander

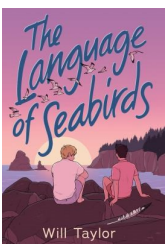


Tandon, Nancy

The Way I Say It

Rory, who has trouble pronouncing his Rs, is joined in speech therapy by Brent, his former best friend, who sided with Rory's bullies before suffering a serious brain injury after being hit by a car.

Disability



Taylor, Will

The Language of Seabirds

Jeremy isn't looking forward to spending the summer at a cabin with dad on the Oregon Coast, until a friendship with a boy he sees running on the beach turns into something more.

Gender Identity & Sexuality



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