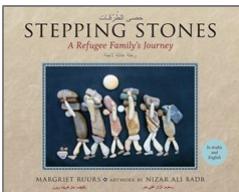


Citizenship Status



Grades K-2

Ruurs, Margriet

[Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey](#)

In this picture book, a young girl and her family are forced to flee their village to escape the civil war that has engulfed Syria and make their way toward freedom in Europe. *Bilingual English-Arabic*



Grades 3-5

Yang, Kelly

[Front Desk](#)

Mia Tang lives in a motel, not a big house, where her immigrant parent clean rooms and hide other immigrants. If the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed.



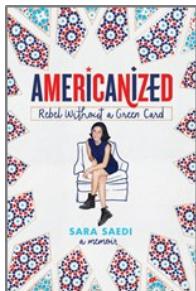
Grades 6-8

Gratz, Alan

[Refugee](#)

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef (Germany, 1930); Isabel (Cuba, 1994); and Mahmoud (Syria, 2015), embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

[Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography](#) (Jewish)



Grades 9-12

Saedi, Sara

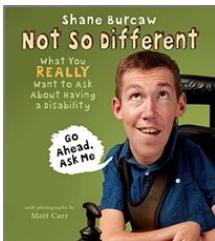
[Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card](#)

As a bright-eyed, straight-A middle school student, Sara Saedi uncovered a terrible family secret: she was breaking the law simply by living in the United States. Only two years old when her parents fled Iran, she didn't learn of her undocumented status until she was 13.

[I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter](#) (Latinx Americans)

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

Disabilities

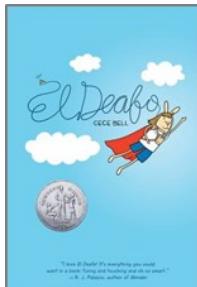


Grades K-2

Burcaw, Shane

Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability

A picture book answering the questions young children ask Shane Burcaw about his wheelchair and life with Spinal Muscular Atrophy with equal parts optimism, humor, and empathy.

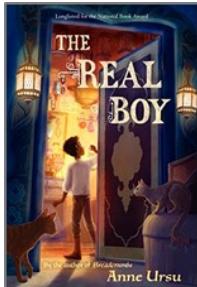


Grades 3-5

Bell, CeCe

El Deafo

In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful--and very awkward--hearing aid.

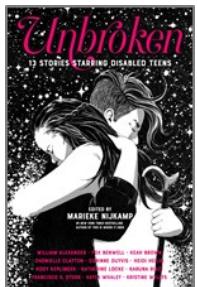


Grades 6-8

Ursu, Anne

The Real Boy

A shy boy named Oscar who works as the hand to a powerful magic worker becomes the only person who can save his village from an evil monster.



Grades 9-12

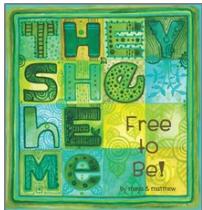
Nijkamp, Marieke (Editor)

Unbroken: 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens

An anthology of stories in various genres written by disabled creators, including stories of interstellar war, a journey to Persia, and a dating debacle. The teenaged protagonists reflect diverse colors, genders, and orientations--without obscuring the realities of their disabilities.

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

Gender Identity & Sexuality

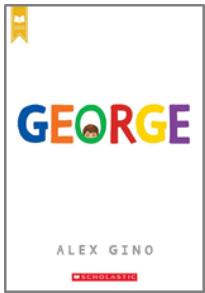


Grades K-2

Maya & Mathew

They, She, He, Me: Free to Be

Pronouns serve as a familiar starting point for kids and grown-ups to expand ideas about gender and celebrate personal expression with fun imagery that provides a place to meet and play.

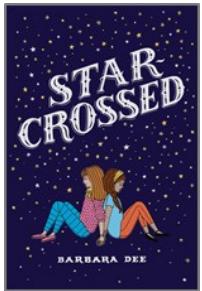


Grades 3-5

Gino, Alex

George

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part...because she's a boy...

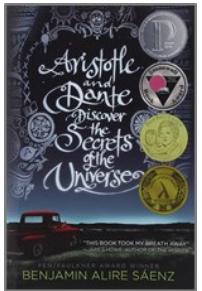


Grades 6-8

Dee, Barbara

Star-Crossed

When Mattie is cast as Romeo in an eighth-grade play, she is confused to find herself increasingly attracted to Gemma, a new classmate who is playing Juliet.



Grades 9-12

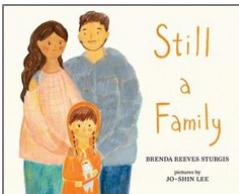
Sáenz, Benjamin Alire

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Not Otherwise Specified (Intersectionality)

Income Inequality

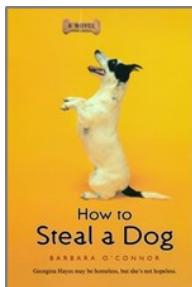


Grades K-2

Sturgis, Brenda Reeves

Still a Family

A little girl and her parents have lost their home and must live in a homeless shelter. Even worse, due to a common shelter policy, her dad must live in a men's shelter, separated from her and her mom. Despite these circumstances, the family still finds time to be together.



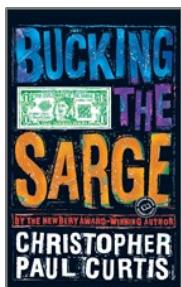
Grades 3-5

O'Connor, Barbara

How to Steal a Dog

Living in the family car after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward.

Front Desk (Citizenship Status)

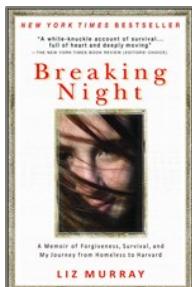


Grades 6-8

Curtis, Christopher Paul

Bucking the Sarge

Deeply involved in his cold and manipulative mother's shady business dealings, 14-year-old Luther keeps a sense of humor while running the Happy Neighbor Group Home For Men, all the while dreaming of going to college and becoming a philosopher.



Grades 9-12

Murray, Liz

Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard

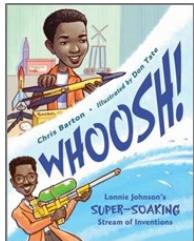
The author offers an account of her journey from a fifteen-year-old living on the streets and eating garbage to her acceptance into Harvard, a feat that prompted a Lifetime movie and a successful motivational-speaking career.

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter (Latinx Americans)

This Side of Home (African Americans)

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

African Americans



Grades K-2

Barton, Chris

[**Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions**](#)

Chronicles the life and achievements of the NASA engineer and inventor, from his childhood to his accidental invention of the Super Soaker water gun.



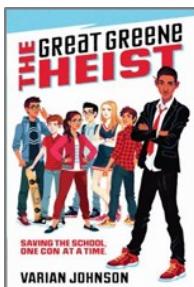
Grades 3-5

Older, Daniel José

[**The Dactyl Hill Squad**](#)

It is the summer of 1863, and as the Civil War rages between dinosaur-mounted armies down south, and a tense New York City seems on the brink of exploding into riots, Magdalys Roca--who can communicate telepathically with dinosaurs--sets out to find her wounded brother.

[**The Sweetest Sound**](#) (Christian)



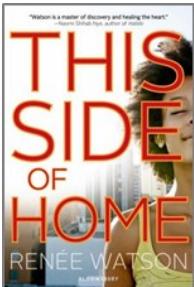
Grades 6-8

Johnson, Varian

[**The Great Greene Heist**](#)

Jackson Greene is trying to put his reputation as a prankster behind him, but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.

[**Bucking the Sarge**](#) (Income Inequality)



Grades 9-12

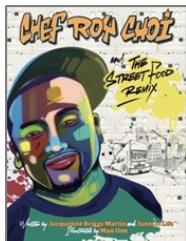
Watson, Renée

[**This Side of Home**](#)

Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new--white--family that moves in.

[**Not Otherwise Specified**](#) (Intersectionality)

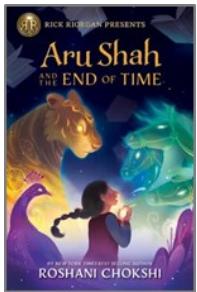
Asian Americans



Grades K-2

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs and June Jo Lee **Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix**

Describes the popular street cook's life, including working in his family's restaurant as a child, figuring out what he wanted to do with his life, and his success with his food truck and restaurant.

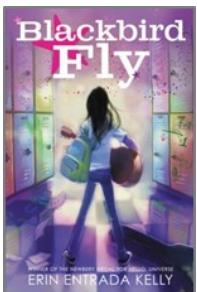


Grades 3-5

Chokshi, Roshani **Aru Shah and the End of Time**

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.

Front Desk (Citizenship Status)



Grades 6-8

Kelly, Erin Entrada **Blackbird Fly**

Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

Amina's Voice (Muslim)
This Is Just a Test (Intersectionality)

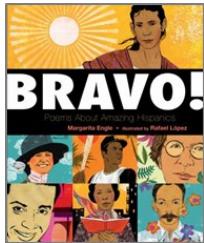


Grades 9-12

Pon, Cindy **Want**

Jason Zhou is trying to survive in Taipei, a city plagued by pollution and viruses, but when he discovers the elite are using their wealth to evade the deadly effects, he knows he must do whatever is necessary to fight the corruption.

Latinx Americans



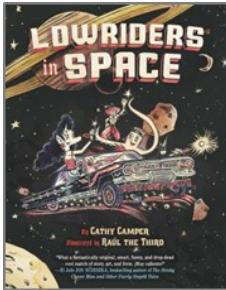
Grades K-2

Engle, Margarita

[Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics](#)

Bold, graphic portraits and beautiful poems present famous and lesser-known Latinos from varied backgrounds who have faced life's challenges in creative ways.

[Maybe Something Beautiful](#) (Language)



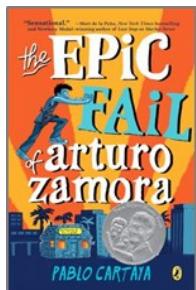
Grades 3-5

Camper, Cathy

[Lowriders in Space](#)

Lupe, Flapjack, Elirio customize their car into a low rider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage in this graphic novel by Portland-based author Camper.

[The Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America](#) (Language)



Grades 6-8

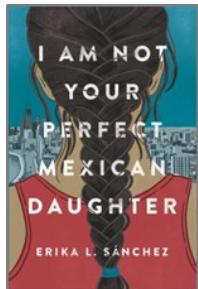
Cartaya, Pablo

[The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora](#)

Save the restaurant. Save the town. Get the girl. Make Abuela proud. Can thirteen-year-old Arturo Zamora do it all or is he in for a BIG, EPIC FAIL?

[Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring](#) (Language)

[Refugee](#) (Citizenship Status)



Grades 9-12

Sánchez, Erika L.

[I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter](#)

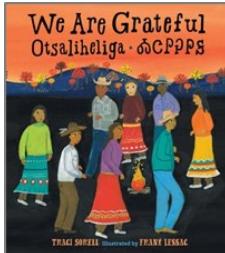
Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter. That was Olga's role. Then a tragic accident on the busiest street in Chicago leaves Olga dead and Julia left behind to reassemble the shattered pieces of her family.

[Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe](#) (Gender Identity & Sexuality)

[Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass](#) (Language)

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Native Americans

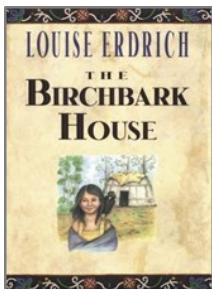


Grades K-2

Sorell, Traci (Cherokee)

[**We Are Grateful / Ostaliheliga**](#)

Otsaliheliga is a Cherokee word that is used to express gratitude. Journey through the year with a Cherokee family and their tribal nation as they express thanks for celebrations big and small. A look at modern Native American life as told by a citizen of the Cherokee Nation. *Bilingual English-Cherokee*

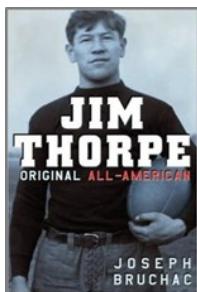


Grades 3-5

Erdrich, Louise (Chippewa)

[**The Birchbark House**](#)

Omakayas, a seven-year-old Native American girl of the Ojibwa tribe, lives through the joys of summer and the perils of winter on an island in Lake Superior in 1847.

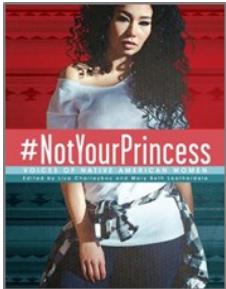


Grades 6-8

Bruchac, Joseph (Abenaki)

[**Jim Thorpe: Original All-American**](#)

Told from Jim's perspective and focusing on his years at Carlisle, this book brings his early athletic career—and especially his college football days—to life, while also dispelling some myths about him and movingly depicting the Native American experience at the turn of the twentieth century.



Grades 9-12

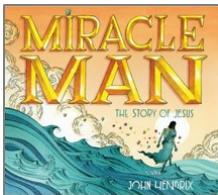
Charleyboy, Lisa (Tsilhqot'in) and Mary Beth Leatherdale (Editors)

[**#NotYourPrincess: Voices of Native American Women**](#)

#Not Your Princess presents an eclectic collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art that combine to express the experience of being a Native woman.

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

Christians



Grades K-2

Hendrix, John

Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus

This picture book written and illustrated by John Hendrix focuses on the Biblical accounts of miracles performed by Jesus and concludes with the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

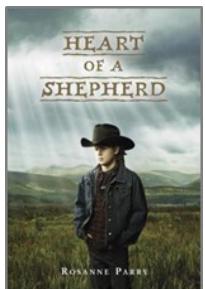


Grades 3-5

Winston, Sherry

The Sweetest Sound

Shy ten-year-old Cadence grapples with an overprotective father, a mother who's skipped town to pursue stardom, and what to do when a recording of her amazing voice leaks before she's ready to share it with the world.

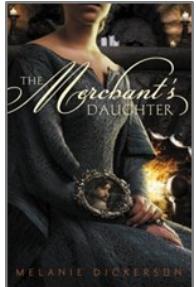


Grades 6-8

Parry, Rosanne

Heart of a Shepherd

Ignatius "Brother" Alderman, nearly 12, promises to help his grandparents keep the family's Oregon ranch the same while his brothers are away and his father is deployed to Iraq.



Grades 9-12

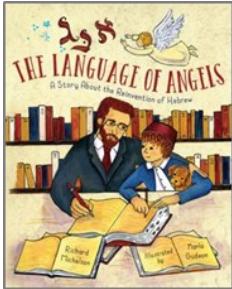
Dickerson, Melanie

The Merchant's Daughter

In 1352 England, seventeen-year-old Annabel, granddaughter of a knight and a would-be nun, eludes a lecherous bailiff but falls in love with Lord Le Wyse, the ferocious and disfigured man to whom her family owes three years of indentured servitude.

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Jews

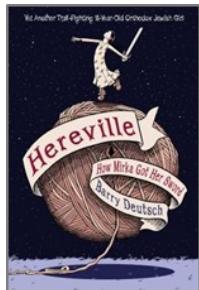


Grades K-2

Michelson, Richard

[**The Language of Angels: A Story About the Reinvention of Hebrew**](#)

Ben-Zion's father insisted that his son speak only Hebrew. But in the 1880s, the Jewish people who lived in Jerusalem spoke Yiddish or the languages of the places where they grew up. Hebrew hadn't been in everyday use for more than two thousand years, and adults said it could never be revived.

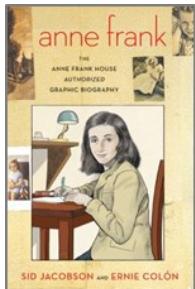


Grades 3-5

Deutsch, Barry

[**Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword**](#)

Longing to fight dragons over taking the advice of various family members, spunky 10-year-old Mirka Herschberg hones her skills in her Orthodox Jewish community before accepting a challenge from a witch to defeat a giant troll, in a story inspired by an award-nominated web comic.



Grades 6-8

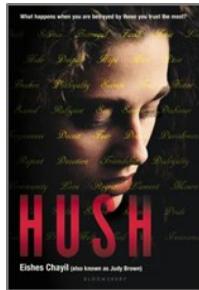
Frank, Anne

[**Anne Frank: The Anne Frank House Authorized Graphic Biography**](#)

The first authorized and exhaustive graphic biography of Anne Frank! Using a variety of primary sources, the authors chronicle the lives of the Frank family from her parents' childhoods to the publication of Anne's famous diary in 1947.

[**Refugee**](#) (Citizenship Status)

[**This Is Just a Test**](#) (Intersectionality)



Grades 9-12

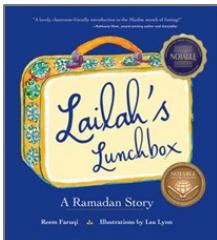
Chayil, Eishes

Hush

After remembering the cause of her best friend Devory's suicide at age nine, Gittel is determined to raise awareness of sexual abuse in her Borough Park, New York, community, despite the rules of Chassidim that require her to be silent.

Finding Diverse Books for Kids & Teens

Muslims



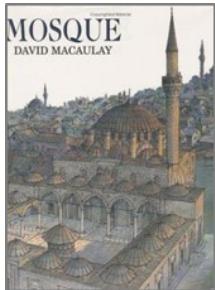
Grades K-2

Faruqi, Reem

[Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story](#)

Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge.

[Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey](#) (Citizenship Status)

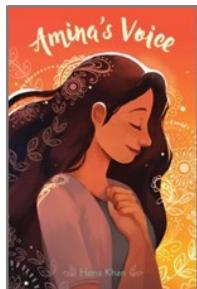


Grades 3-5

Macaulay, David

[Mosque](#)

David Macaulay reveals the methods and materials used to design and construct a mosque in late-16th-century Turkey. Through the fictional story and detailed full-color illustrations, readers will learn how such monumental structures were built and how they functioned in the society they served.



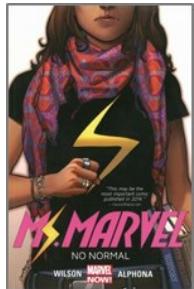
Grades 6-8

Khan, Hena

[Amina's Voice](#)

A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school. After her local mosque is vandalized, Amina wonders: does she need to become more "American" and hide who she really is?

[Refugee](#) (Citizenship Status)



Grades 9-12

Wilson, G. Willow

[Ms. Marvel Vol. 1: No Normal](#)

Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City -- until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm!

[Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card](#) (Citizenship Status)

Intersectionality



Grades K-2

Kissinger, Katie

[All the Colors We Are / Todos los Colores de Nuestra Piel](#)

Magnificent color photographs and simple, engaging language capture the essence of one way we are special and different from one another—our skin color

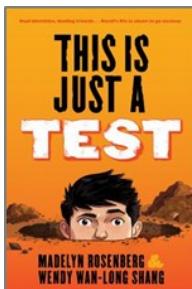


Grades 3-5

Oh, Ellen (Editor)

[Flying Lessons and Other Stories](#)

From basketball dreams and family fiascoes to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.



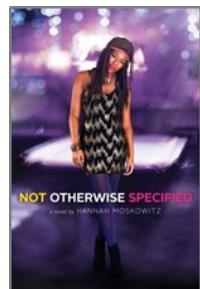
Grades 6-8

Rosenberg, Madelyn and Wendy Wan-Long Sheng

[This Is Just a Test](#)

In 1983, 7th-grader David Da-Wei Horowitz has a lot to worry about--his bar mitzvah is coming soon, his Jewish and Chinese grandmothers argue about everything, he is beginning to notice girls, and a friend has persuaded him to begin digging a fallout shelter just in case the Cold War heats up.

[Refugee](#) (Citizenship Status)



Grades 9-12

Moskowitz, Hannah

[Not Otherwise Specified](#)

Auditioning for a New York City performing arts high school could help Etta escape from her Nebraska all-girl school, where she's not gay enough for her former friends, not sick enough for her eating disorders group, and not thin enough for ballet--but it may also mean real friendships.

[Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe](#) (Gender Identity & Sexuality)

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