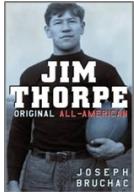


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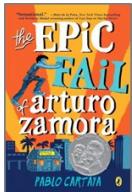


### Bruchac, Joseph (Abenaki)

#### **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.

*Identities: Native Americans*

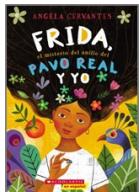


### Cartaya, Pablo

#### [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?

*Identities: Latinx Americans*

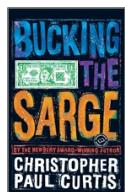


### Cervantes, Angela

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

When Lizzie and Gael share an irresistible challenge, to find the peacock ring that once belonged to artist Frida Kahlo, Paloma decides it is the perfect way to honor her father.

*Identities: Language ([Spanish](#)), Latinx Americans*



### 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.

*Identities: African Americans, Income Inequality*



### 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.

*Identities: Gender Identity & Sexuality*



### 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.

*Identities: Citizenship Status, Jewish*

**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.

*Identities: Citizenship Status, Intersectionality, Jewish, Latinx Americans, Muslims*

**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.

*Identities: African Americans*

**Kelly, Erin Entrada****Blackbird Fly**

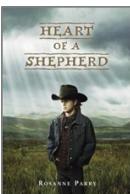
Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

*Identities: Asian Americans*

**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?

*Identities: Asian Americans, Muslim*

**Parry, Roseanne****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.

*Identities: Christian*

**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.

*Identities: Asian Americans, Intersectionality, Jewish*

**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.

*Identities: Disabilities*